

## Mother of Rochester Dies in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Death struck the entertainment colony again here July 18 taking in its wake Mrs. Ella Mae Anderson, former circus performer and mother of Eddie (Rochester) Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson had performed a tightwire act with circuses until injuries in a fall compelled her retirement. Her husband, Ed Anderson, had toured with minstrel shows.

Four sons and a daughter survive. Her death followed shortly behind that of James Baskett, Academy Award winner and star of the Walt Disney film, "Song of the South."

## Los Angeles Lightweight Collapses, Dies in Corner

Report Stricken Boxer Was Hospitalized  
5 Weeks With Injuries Suffered in Fall

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—An autopsy began Saturday into the death of Leroy DeCatur, 20-year-old lightweight boxer from Los Angeles, who collapsed and died in the ring at Hollywood Legion Stadium Friday night.

DeCatur, reportedly suffering from a faulty heart, was the fight's second fatality within a week, following by only a few days the untimely death of Sam Paroudi in Chicago.

Police said they learned that DeCatur had been a patient in General Hospital for five weeks last October from injuries suffered in what the youth explained as a fall from a horse. He complained of "terrific headaches" and "double vision," they said.

### Prelim Fighter

Police also learned that he had had his tonsils and appendix removed at the hospital earlier.

DeCatur, married and father of a 2-year-old daughter, died 10 seconds before the end of a four-round preliminary bout, his first professional fight. A veteran of 40 amateur fights, DeCatur was ahead on points against his opponent, Fred Herrera, 20, Mexican scrapper from Jerome, Ariz., when the tragedy occurred. It was also Herrera's first pro fight.

As the fight neared its end, Herrera landed a solid punch to DeCatur's midsection and followed with a right to the jaw. The two clinched for a moment, then Herrera stepped back.

### Collapsed in Corner

DeCatur collapsed, his head thumping the floor in a neutral corner. Referee Tommy Hart began to count, then called off the fight and summoned seconds into the ring. They gave DeCatur first aid.

DeCatur never regained consciousness. He was carried by stretcher to his dressing room where Dr. William F. Carver, stadium physician, administered artificial respiration for 20 minutes.

The doctor then pronounced the fighter dead and added that it was his opinion that he had died in the ring. He declined to say what the cause of death was.

DeCatur was the twenty-second boxer to die from ring injuries within less than three years. There were nine such deaths recorded last year and 11 in 1946.



# James Baskett, 44, Radio, Film Actor

Portrayed Uncle Remus in  
"Song of the South"

HOLLYWOOD, July 8 (UP)—James Baskett, forty-four, stage, radio and screen actor, died at his home here Friday night of a heart ailment. *7-11-48*

He was best known for his portrayal of Uncle Remus in Walt Disney's picture, "Song of the South," and for the role of Gabby Gibson, the fast-talking lawyer on the "Amos and Andy" radio program.

Mr. Baskett was born in Indianapolis, Ind. He studied to be a pharmacist but was lured to the stage while on a visit to Chicago. He played in stock shows at Chicago for many years before going East. On the New York stage Mr. Baskett became known as one of Broadway's leading Negro performers and for many years he was a star with Lafayette players.

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## Amos 'n' Andy in Palbearers Roles

Get Academy Award for  
Performance in 'South'

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—Funeral services for James Baskett, well-known radio, stage and screen actor, who died in Hollywood, July 9, at his home at the age of 44 of a heart ailment, were held here last week at Fisher's Funeral Home. His mother and his wife flew here from Indianapolis to attend the funeral.

Active palbearers included Lou Lubin, Wonderful Smith, Bardu All, Sam McDaniel, Dooley Wilson and Freeman Gosden. The last-named is the Andy of Amos 'n' Andy radio program.

Honorary palbearers were listed as Zev Clark, U. S. Thompson, Leigh Whipper, Quintard Miller, Willie Covan, Nicodemus Stewart, Jack Lavin, Henry Lewis, Danny Alexander, J. Louis Johnson, Andy Russell, Richard Robinson, Marcus Slaytor, Maceo B. Sheffield, Virgil Benson and Joe Roddy. The

# Death Claims Academy Award Winner



James Baskett (center), the Uncle Remus of Walt Disney's "Song of the South," who died on July 9 in Los Angeles, is shown with Academy President Jean Hersholt as he received from Ingrid Bergman, his Oscar, a special award for outstanding work in the picture. Baskett left a sick bed to be on hand for the ceremonies. He was the only colored honored by the Academy this year. Insert shows him made up for the role he portrayed.

last-named is publicity director at Walt Disney studio. *7-24-48* and the body prepared for cremation. Rev. Mr. Collins officiated. The urn containing the ashes were shipped to Indianapolis where they are to be placed beside those of Baskett's father. Recently, he had been active both in the movies and on the air. His most memorable screen role was that of Uncle Remus in Walt Disney's "Song of the South." For his performance in this film he received a special Academy Award from the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Floral pieces designed by Florist Lillian Hammond were lavish profusion. Outstanding pieces included a red rose casket blanket from Bardu and Otila All; a chain from "The Artist" by Billye Yarbo; bleeding heart from the widow and mother; a pillow from the goddaughter, Mrs. June Mobley; large broken wheel from Lou Lubin and Freeman Gosden; a story book on "Uncle Remus" by Lillian Hammond and a beautiful wreath making a standard from Thomas Arcode. *afro-American*

Remains Cremated  
Following services at the Rose-dale Cemetery, the casket containing the remains of a "great actor"

was wheeled off the stage and the body prepared for cremation. The urn containing the ashes were shipped to Indianapolis where they are to be placed beside those of Baskett's father. Recently, he had been active both in the movies and on the air. His most memorable screen role was that of Uncle Remus in Walt Disney's "Song of the South." For his performance in this film he received a special Academy Award from the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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Originally Baskett took his screen test for a bit part in the picture, but was given the lead role instead. On the air, Baskett is remembered as fast talking Gabby Gibson of the "Amos and Andy" show. He was invited to join this show by Correll while out West for a visit.

Although the noted actor started out in life as a student of pharmacy in college, he was lured to the stage while on a visit to Chicago. He performed with numerous stock companies in the Windy City. *Baltimore, Md.* Later, he went to New York where he became famous as a

member of the Lafayette Players. He also was featured in roles in leading Broadway plays there.

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## Academy Award Winner Baskett

## Succumbs to Heart Ailment

LOS ANGELES—Death, which has shorted the career of many a great figure here in the Hollywood realm often theatrical arts, including those of the motion picture, radio and legitimate stage acting, came dramatically close to home with the Negro group, with the passing of Jimmy Baskett, a second member of his racial group to ever win the celebrated "Oscar" award presented annually by the Academy of Motion Picture Art and Sciences society. Baskett, died at his Arlington Avenue home Friday afternoon, July 9th after a long illness. *7-14-48*  
Baskett, hailed as one of the nation's topflight dramatic and comic stars, although a seasoned performer, had only reached the "top" in the past few years. He started his

It was the film role of Uncle Remus, that won for Baskett the special academy award for outstanding film performance in 1947. It is believed, "Baskett's long weak end kidney condition was greatly aggravated by the ordinary stress of work and the agitation carried on by certain Negro groups against the role he was portraying. The kidney ailment brought on a car-diac condition which brought on several severe heart attacks which finally accounted for his death. Baskett, was married to Margaret, a former chorus girl, in 1904. Besides his wife, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Woolrich of Indianapolis. Mrs. Woolrich arrived here Saturday night by plane from the Indianapolis city. Funeral arrangements have been completed and services will be conducted from the Fisher and Sons Mortuary on Wednesday. The body will



# Noted Actor Won Academy Award, Starred on Radio

By HERMAN HILL  
(Pacific Coast Bureau)

LOS ANGELES—The final curtain dropped for James Baskett, noted screen and radio actor, at his home last Friday when he succumbed to a heart ailment, which had plagued him for several years.

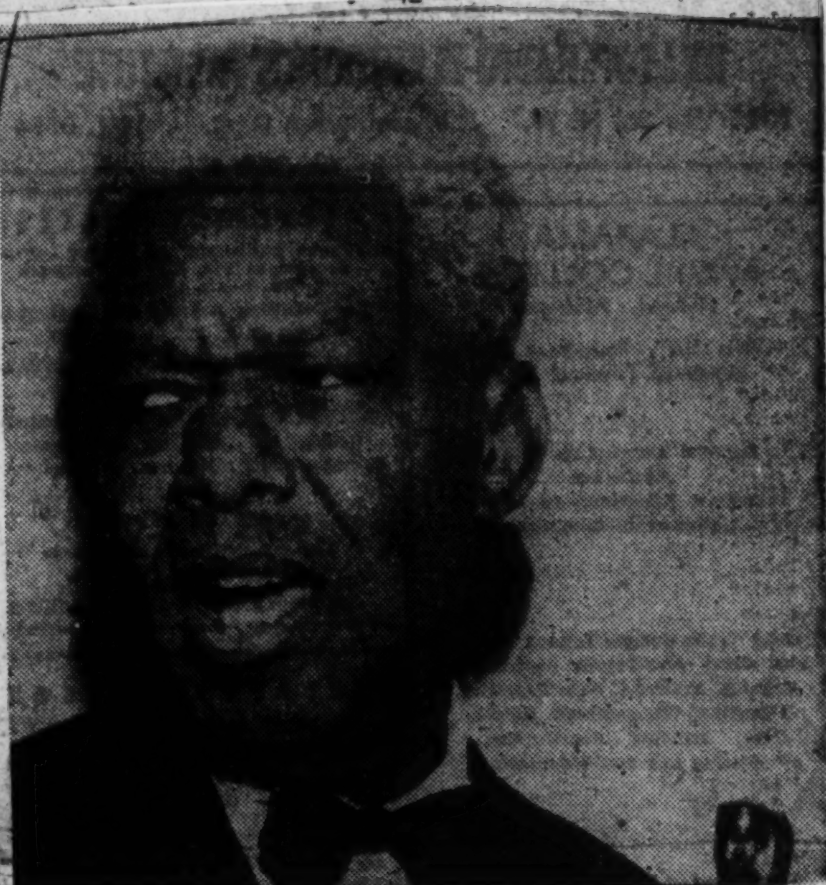
Baskett gained international fame by his portrayal of Uncle Remus in Walt Disney's "Song of the South." The film was his first and only screen role. He was ill when he did the part, but in true trouper fashion carried on. Baskett was also well known for his "Lawyer Gabby Gibson" on the Amos 'n Andy radio show.

Born in Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16, 1904, Baskett studied to be a pharmacist, but later turned to the stage in Chicago and New York. He toured the country with stock companies and road shows and gained prominence as the "Lawd" in the New York stage production "Green Pastures." Baskett came to Los Angeles several years ago as a straight man with Pigmeat Markham, New York comedian. The team played the Lincoln Theatre with success for many months. When Disney's studio was casting for the role of Uncle Remus, Baskett was chosen over a host of better known actors. His zenith was reached when he was given a special Oscar during the annual Academy Award program this year for his work in "Song of the South." The presentation was made by Ingrid Bergman and Jean Hersholt at Shrine Auditorium. It was with difficulty that the personable actor was able to leave his home and appear on the program.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 P. M. from W. W. Fisher and Sons Mortuary. The body lies in state from Sunday until the services and hundreds of friends and admirers visited the chapel to pay last respect to his memory.

Active pallbearers were band leader Bardu All, Danny Brown of the Ken Murray "Blackouts" cast, Wonderful Smith of Red Skelton show, Freeman Gosden, Amos of "Amos 'n Andy," J. Lewis Johnson and Lou Lubin, Charles, the barber on the "Amos 'n Andy" program.

Cremation was at Rosedale Cemetery. Baskett is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Woolridge of Indianapolis, who attended the funeral, and his widow, Mrs. Margaret Baskett.



JAMES BASKETT

## James Baskett, 'Oscar' Winner Dies Of Stroke In Hollywood

7-16-48

Actor Was 44 Years Old At Time.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., July 12.—James Baskett, stage, radio and screen actor, died at his home here Friday night of a heart ailment. He was 44 years old.

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Baskett is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Baskett.



## Zion Bishop Alstork Rites Set for Today

Funeral services for Bishop Frank W. Alstork, 63, who presided over the Virginia, Albemarle and North Carolina Conferences of the Eighth Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Zion Church, will be held today at 1 p. m. in the Galbraith A.M.E. Zion Church, 1114 6th st. n.w.

Bishop Alstork died last Monday of a cerebral hemorrhage, following an automobile accident May 24 in Waverly, Va. He had been in Freedmen's Hospital since June 2.

Born in Catopa, Ala., he was graduated from Tuskegee Institute and Talladega College in Alabama, and received a doctor of divinity degree from Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.

One of the most progressive figures in the A.M.E. Zion Church, according to friends, Bishop Alstork first came to Washington in 1929 as pastor of the Union Wesley Church at 23d and L sts. n.w. He remained at that post for 14 years, until he was sent to the Wesley Church in Philadelphia in 1942.

In 1944, he was elected bishop at the A.M.E. Zion Church's general conference, and assigned to the Tenth District of Alabama. He was assigned to the Eighth District at the conference held in May, 1948.

Deeply interested in education, Bishop Alstork was chairman of the board of trustees of Hood Theological Seminary, in Salisbury, N. C., of Lomax Hannon College in Greenville, Ala., and of Dinwiddie Normal and Industrial Institute in Dinwiddie, Va., and a member of the board of Livingstone College.

He was also a board member of the International Council of Religious Education, a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a member of the Fraternal Council of Churches.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Willie G. Alstork, who lived with him at 822 Keefer st. n.w., he leaves six brothers and sisters—John, of Demopolis, Ala.; Robert and Clarence of

New York City; Mrs. Ellen B. Patton of Demopolis, Ala.; Mrs. Marie Davis of Connecticut, and Miss Eula Alstork of New York City.

## Bishop Alstork Given Last Rites

AME Zion Prelate Buried in Washington

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Funeral services for Bishop Frank W. Alstork, 63, presiding bishop of the Virginia, Albemarle and North Carolina Conferences of the Eighth District of the A.M.E. Zion Church, were held last Friday in Galbraith A.M.E. Zion Church, here.

Bishop Alstork died on July 5, of a cerebral hemorrhage suffered after an automobile accident, May 24, in Waverly, Va. He had been in Freedmen's Hospital since June 2. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Born in Catopa, Ala., he was graduated from Tuskegee Institute and Talladega College and received a doctor of divinity degree from Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C. From the start of his pastorate, his associates said, he spoke out against the Ku Klux Klan and police brutality.

Bishop Alleyne Gives Eulogy

"No one can ever say that Alstork faltered even in a losing fight. He knew no fear," Bishop Cameron O. Alleyne said in delivering the eulogy at the funeral services.

Bishop Alstork's metal casket was not opened at the close of the services, as is the usual custom here, for the public to view the remains. The body, however, had been lying in state in the church from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., time of the funeral, for the benefit of those who desired a last view.

Widow Carried Out

His widow, Mrs. Willie G. Alstork became so grief-stricken during the services that she had to be carried out of the church. One other relative also had to be carried out.

Bishop Benjamin G. Shaw, speaking in behalf of the Board of Bishops was unable to continue his remarks because of grief for his friend and brother-bishop.

10 Bishops Participate

Ten of the A.M.E. Zion Church's remaining 11 bishops were present and participated in the final rites for Bishop Alstork.

Bishop W. J. Walls presided at the service; Bishop H. T. Medford lined a hymn, "Servant of God Well Done;" Bishops Raymond L. Jones, Edgar B. Watson and John W. Martin read scriptures, Bishop

W. W. Matthews (retired) prayed. Bishop William W. Slade, led the hymn "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," and Bishop Buford F. Gordon gave the obituary. The Galbraith Senior Choir sang.

Dr. D. C. Pope, Foreign Missions secretary, and Dr. Eichelberger, education secretary, also attended.

Active pall-bearers at the funeral were the Revs. Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Lynch, W. A. Stewart, Stephen G. Spottwood and T. O. Digg.

Held Bishopric Four Years

Elected bishop in 1944 and assigned to the Tenth District, Bishop Alstork was transferred to the Eighth District in May, 1948. He was chairman of the boards of trustees of Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, N.C.; of Lomax Hannon College, Greenville, Ala.; of Dinwiddie Normal and Industrial Institute, Va.; and a member of the board of Livingstone College.

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Surviving his are his wife, Mrs. Willie G. Alstork; three brothers, Clarence and Robert of New York and John of Demopolis, Ala.; and three sisters, Mrs. Ellen D. Patton of Demopolis and the Misses Marie and Eula Alstork, both of New York City.

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Frank Alstork  
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Bishop Alstork died of cerebral hemorrhage following an automobile accident May 24. He had been in Freedmen's hospital since June 2.

A native of Alabama, he was graduated from Tuskegee Institute and Talladega College in Alabama, receiving his doctor of divinity degree from Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C. His first pastorate was in Huntsville, Ala.

Bishop Alstork came to Washington in 1929, as pastor of the Union Wesley Church. He was named bishop of the 10th District of Alabama at the general conference

held in Detroit, in 1944. Last May he was made bishop of the 8th district at the general conference in Louisville. He was known as one of the most progressive figures in the A.M.E. Zion Church.

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## Nego professor, authority on Defoe, dies

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Funeral services for Dr. Charles Eaton Burch, chairman of the Department of English at Howard University and acknowledged U. S. authority on 18th century English writer Daniel Defoe, were held here last Saturday.

Dr. Burch, a scholar in the field of English Literature, died suddenly in Stamford, Conn.

Numerous articles written by him, which were published in the United States, Great Britain and Germany, established him as one of the leading Defoe scholars in the world.

Theodore F. Newton, professor of English literature at McGill university, once wrote Dr. Burch:

"You are by all odds now our authority on Defoe's Scottish period."

Dr. Burch had lectured on 18th century literature at Yale, Albany State Teachers college and other institutions, and spent the past two years preparing a book on Defoe in relation to the ideas of his age.

## BERMUDA-BORN

Dr. Burch was born in St. Georges, Bermuda in 1891. He received his A. B. degree from Wilberforce university in 1914; an A. M. from Columbia in 1918, and a Ph. D. from Ohio State in 1933. He also studied as a fellow at the University of Edinburgh and did research work in England and Scotland.

He taught at Morris Brown college, Tuskegee Institute, Longwood College and Wilberforce universities, Alabama State Teachers college and was a member of the staff of Howard for 27 years, 20 of which

were spent as chairman of the English department.

## Edward Syphax, Noted Educator, Buried In D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NNPA)—Funeral services for Edward M. Syphax, 70, who taught in public schools here for 49 years before retiring last October, were held last week from the Berean Baptist Church.

The Rev. W. Pearson officiated. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial cemetery.

Mr. Syphax died on Aug. 26 at Freedmen's Hospital after a long illness.

Born in the District of Columbia in 1878, he was the son of Colbert and Cordella Syphax. He was the nephew of William Syphax, who was one of the first members of the board of trustees of the colored schools of Washington and Georgetown, and for whom Syphax School was named.

## WON MATHEMATICS MEDAL

He was educated in the public schools here and was awarded a mathematics medal in a citywide contest while he was attending the old M Street High School, from which he was graduated in 1896. In 1898 he was graduated from Miner Teachers College, and that same year was appointed a teacher in the local public schools.

For 49 years he taught in the local elementary schools, including Burrville, Birney, Bell, Bowen, Garfield and Giddings. He retired Oct. 31, 1947. During his long career he taught night and summer classes in addition to his work at day sessions.

For 30 years, Mr. Syphax was organist and choirmaster in Baptist churches here, including the Shiloh, Berean, Zion and Liberty churches. He designed the organ at the Shiloh church. From 1903 until the late 30's he appeared in many organ recitals here and in Harrisburg, Pa., and New York City.

## PUPIL OF BLIND COMPOSER

He was a pupil of the late Dr. John W. Bischoff, blind composer and for 35 years organist of the First Congregational Church (white) here.

Mr. Syphax was a trustee of the Washington Conservatory of Music and was an active member of the Musicians' Guild, the Oldest Inhabitants, Inc., the Bloomingdale Citizens' Association and of Teachers' Union No. 27, AFL. He was active in work of the Columbian Educational Association.

Mr. Syphax is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florence J. Syphax and a brother, Charles S. Syphax who is mathematics professor emeritus at Howard University.

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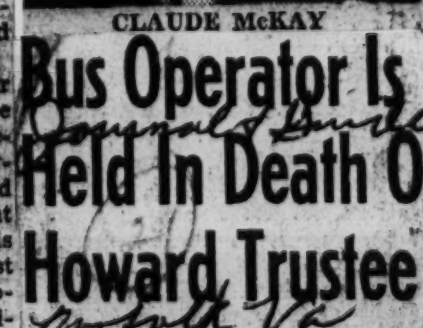
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Other survivors are two brothers, Dr. James Earl Brown, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, and Dr. John Brown, a retired physician of Winchester and Pittsburgh.

When the Communists, under Lenin, took over Russia and were reconstructing that country, Mr. Kay was invited there by the government and feted from one end of the country to the other. Out of this experience he wrote his most famous poem: "If We Must Die." It was revolutionary in appeal and gave courage to the millions.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Rhue Hope Virtue, New York, and brother, U. Theodore McKay of Jamaica. Burial will be in New York City.

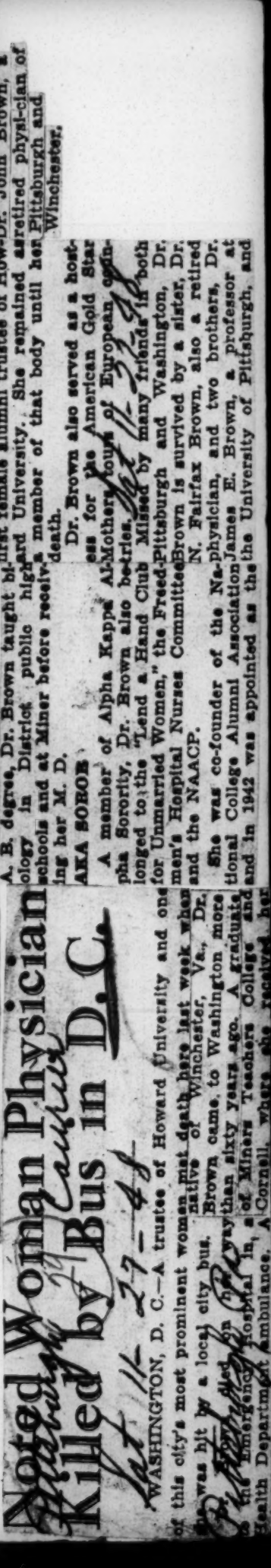


Police had charged Evers with failing to give full attention to his driving, as well as failing to yield the right of way to a pedestrian.

District traffic deaths this year. 53  
Deaths this date last year..... 64  
Total traffic deaths last year... 72

Dr. Sara Winifred Brown, 80, a retired physician and prominent Negro philanthropist, was injured fatally at 4:15 p. m. yesterday

Besides her sister, she is survived by two brothers, D. James Earl Brown, professor at the University of Pittsburgh, and Dr. John Brown, retired physician of Winchester and Pittsburgh and a member of the board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.





# All Florida Mourns Passing of Tampa Bulletin Editor

By Edward F. Morse.  
Tampa, Fla. (G) - All of the state of Florida are mourning the sudden passing of Mrs. M. E. Potter, editor, owner and publisher of the Tampa Bulletin, Florida's leading weekly.

Only a slight two years ago, the husband died after years of service as publisher and founder of the Bulletin and as a prominent pastor and presiding elder of the AME Church.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Potter carried on with vigor and efficiency, but the strain evidently proved too much. On Sunday morning she was present at services in her beloved Allen Temple AME Church. When the offering was lifted it was she who went to the table and made a plea for a liberal collection because of the needs of the Church. Sitting in her living room just before the hour for the evening services, discussing church matters with friends visiting from Portsmouth, Va., she was stricken in the midst of a sentence. When her friends rushed to her chair she was dead.

Active in the work of the Urban League, the Municipal Hospital and most of the divisions of her church, Mrs. Potter was eulogized at her church by the dynamic young pastor, the Rev. R. J. Blaine.

## Final Rites For Bishop H. Y. Tookes Set For Tuesday

Final rites for Bishop H. Y. Tookes, of the 19th Episcopal District, Texas, will be held at Grant Memorial AME Church, Jacksonville, Fla., on Tuesday, June 15, at 10 a. m. The church pastor is Dr. W. H. Ball.

Among those expected in attendance at the funeral are:

The wife of the deceased, Mrs. H. Y. Tookes; his daughter, Miss M. P. Tookes; his bro., G. H. Tookes, the many bishops of the AME Connection, presiding elders, college presidents, deans, chaplains, pastors, laymen and friends.



## Nine Are Dead In U.S. Crash, Four In Reich

### Chaplains Due At Parley Are Believed Victims; Air Lift Craft Collide

NEWTON N. J.—A C-47 transport plane which the Army said probably was carrying Protestant chaplains to a Connecticut conference, crashed and burned Tuesday at a nearby farm after a collision with another Army plane, killing all nine persons aboard.

An Army public relations officer at Olmstead Field, Middletown, Penn., said the plane hit a B-25 from Stewart Field, N. Y. The officer said only the wingtip of the B-25 was damaged and it returned to Stewart Field.

He said nine persons were aboard the C-47, en route to a religious meeting at the Jesse Lee Academy. He said the plane left Middletown at noon.

The plane crashed near a swamp on the Blakeslee farm near here. Pieces of wreckage spread over a 500-foot square area.

State police said the tail piece of the plane was found some distance from the wreckage.

Army officials said no list of casualties will be released until the text of his are notified.

Col. Charles I. Carpenter, in Danbury, Conn., to supervise the meeting at Jesse Lee Academy, said 65 Protestant Air Force chaplains are scheduled to participate. All are to be flown in Army transport planes.

Carpenter said unless the crashed plane was one he "didn't know about," he believed it was one which was scheduled to land at Danbury Airport at 3:55 a.m. (CST).

### Father Lissner, Founder Of Negro Missions, Dies

TEANECK, N. J.—Father Anthony's Negro Mission, 51 Bliss services for the Very Rev. Ignace Lissner, founder of the Order of Negro Sisters and the American Province of the more than a dozen missions for Roman Catholic African Missions. Negroes were established by Father Lissner during his 40 years Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic service in the United States. church. Ten days' burial was in the Born in Wolxshaim, Alsace, he was educated in France and ordained priest in 1891. After serving six years had lived in retirement at St. as a missionary in the French

West Indies, he came to the United States in 1897 and left shortly afterwards for service as a chaplain with the British Army in Egypt. He returned to this country in 1906.

During his several years of missionary work in the South, Father Lissner founded missions in Savannah, Augusta, Atlanta and Macon, Ga., and also in Boyer Springs, Mo. and Tucson, Ariz. In 1916 he founded the Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary. Father Lissner retired in 1946.

### African Student At Wilberforce Dies After 3-Day Illness

WILBERFORCE, O.—Memorial services for Joseph Frumpong KanKam, Jr., 25, student in the department of economics at Wilberforce University, were held Friday morning in Jones Auditorium on the campus.

Mr. KanKam, a native of Gold Coast, British West Africa, died Tuesday in the Springfield City Hospital, where he had been a patient for three days. His death was caused by uremia and other complications.

He was receiving financial assistance from the missionary branch of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He had received a degree from Adisadel College, Cape Coast, and entered Wilberforce University in March, 1947.

Mr. KanKam is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph KanKam, and nine brothers and sisters. He was described by college authorities as "a brilliant and industrious student."

The body was taken to the John W. Patterson Funeral Home in Springfield. Funeral services were held Saturday and he was buried in Massey Creek near Wilberforce.

### Final Tribute Paid To Father Flanagan At Boys Town, Nebr.

Boys Town, Neb.—The citizens of Boys Town paid final tribute to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan May 21.

Shortly after dawn and through a light rain, they walked to Dowd Memorial chapel for the funeral of

the priest who took them on the streets and gave them a home. After the services the body was committed to a tomb in the northeast corner of the chapel.

Father Flanagan, who would have been 62 on July 13, was ordained to the priesthood in 1912. In 1917 in Omaha, where he was an assistant pastor, he borrowed money, took over an abandoned house and made a home for five boys. In the succeeding 35 years, 5,500 boys have found a home in Boys Town.

Father Flanagan died in Berlin, Germany, on May 15. He was on an inspection tour of European youth facilities.

### Only Negro Letter!

Tallahassee, Fla. (G)—Mr. S. H. Coleman, only Negro letter carrier in this city, was buried a few days ago after being fatally struck down by an automobile driven by student drivers on one of the city's streets.

Mr. Coleman was a graduate of the Florida A. & M. College and a prominent lay leader in the A. M. E. Church. He was an Elk, a Pythian and a past Grand Master of Masons.

Died: HELEN LEE WORTHING, 43, a Ziegfeld beauty of the '20s who married a Negro physician, Dr. Eugene Nelson, at the height of her career; in a three-room cottage in Hollywood, Aug. 26. Her death was believed to be from natural causes, but coroner's investigation was under way.

### DELEGATE DIES AT The KANSAS CITY

Mrs. Fannie K. Smith of West Palm Beach, Fla., widely known church worker and delegate to General Conference died while attending the session of the Conference. She was a faithful worker in the State Missionary Society in Florida and Payne Chapel Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.

### Bus Operator Held in Death Of Dr. Brown

6-Man Jury Deliberates  
Half Hour, Drives

### To Be Arranged Today

Coroner's jury yesterday held William H. Evers, 28-year-old Capital Transit bus operator, responsible for the death, November 12 of Dr. Sara Winifred Brown, 80, a retired physician.

The six-man jury, after half hour's deliberation, ordered Evers held for action of the Municipal Court under the Negligent Homicide Act. He is slated for arraignment this morning.

Dr. Brown, a philanthropist and first alumna named to the board of trustees at Howard University, was fatally injured when she was struck by a bus operated by Evers. The retired physician was crossing K st. at 12th st. nw.

Huntley Ruff, of 528 24th st. nw., a truck driver for the Kane Transfer Co., testified Dr. Brown was crossing the street with the light in her favor when the bus turned onto K st. from 12th and struck her.

Evers, who lives at 13-U Ridge rd., Greenbelt, Md., did not testify. Earlier, the jury found that the death of Mrs. Caroline McCauley, 67, of 1954 Columbia rd., was accidental.

### JULIAN B. THOMAS

Julian B. Thomas, 47, 350 Manhattan Avenue, a linotype operator on THE NEW YORK TIMES for the last seventeen years, died Thursday afternoon in Harlem Hospital where he was taken after suffering a heart attack a few days earlier. He was 48 years old.

He was born in Brunswick, Ga., and as a young man attended Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. In recent years he was active as president of the Carver Seal Committee of New York in raising funds for the Carver Foundation for scientific research at Tuskegee. Mr. Thomas was on The World and The Graphic before coming to THE TIMES on May 21, 1931.

He is survived by his widow, Carah, four brothers and a sister.

A funeral service will be held at the Mickey Funeral Home, 228 Lenox Avenue, on Sunday at 2 P. M. Burial will be in Brunswick, Ga. 4-84-48

### Segregated Burial Policy Uncovered

ELYRIA, O.—(Special)—Segregation of Negroes in city-owned Brookside cemetery has been revealed by Charles Gray, president of the Community Welfare League.

Mrs. Ray Carter, league committeewoman, said in a statement to THE NEWS that the segregation practice is an insult to Negroes.

Gray stated that the situation had come to his attention when it was reported there was a segregated area for Negro burials. Said Black: "Such practice had no place in American life." It is undemocratic and adds hurt.

FATHER FLANAGAN

Chicago Defender

The sudden death of father Edward J. Flanagan in Berlin, Germany, came as



great shock to all Americans who know of his great work as the founder of Boys Town Nebraska. The Catholic

The Catholic leader was a pioneer in youth work and he was stricken in the [redacted] Europe. [redacted] the Mayor of Boys Town and distinctions based on race and color play no part in the life of that community. Father Flanagan built wisely and well. He was not only a great Catholic, he was a true American and a firm believer in democracy. His untimely passing is mourned throughout our [redacted]



Constitution Staff Photo—Pete Rota

**rites held for BELOVED NEGRO SEXTON**—Prominent Atlantans serve as pallbearers for Walter Blaino, loyal Negro sexton of St. Luke's Episcopal Church for nearly 50 years. The Rev. J. Milton Richardson, Rector of St. Luke's, leads the procession as it leaves the church after the funeral. Bishop John Moore Walker and the Rev. S. C. Usher, Negro Bishop, assisted in officiating.

## Devoted Negro Sexton Is Paid Final Tribute

By KATHERINE BARNWELL

They paid final tribute yesterday to a man described as "one of the most devoted friends St. Luke's Episcopal Church ever had." As the city and State celebrated the triumphant inauguration of Gov. Herman E. Tamm, funeral services for Walter Blaino, devoted Negro sexton for nearly half a century, were attended by hundreds of his friends—white and Negro.

Flowers, beautiful, massive educational pursuits, he served on sprays, literally banked the chan-State interracial commissions uncel at St. Luke's Church. Theoder Governors Davis, Hayes and white-robed choir — members of Brough. which the aging sexton had known well—sang appropriate hymns. He is survived by six children.

Bishop John Moore Walker, who assisted in conducting the services, said simply:

"Walter represents the great Christian virtue of faithfulness. An appropriate epitaph would be: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

Cyril B. Smith, a member of St. Luke's for nearly 40 years, observed:

"Walter was the most loyal person I have ever known."

The Rev. J. Milton Richardson, Rector of St. Luke's, and the Rev. S. C. Usher, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which Walter was a member, officiated along with Bishop Walker.

"Walter," said the Rev. Mr. Richardson, "always represented the finest traditions of loyalty, service and reverence."

Walter Blaino came to St. Luke's when he was an orphan boy of 14 with Dr. C. B. Wilmer, Rector for 25 years, who reared him. He had been a part of the church ever since, serving under five rectors. At one time he kept the treasurer's books, and for many years he kept the records of marriages, funerals, baptisms and confirmations.

Dr. Wilmer wired Mr. Richardson from Tampa, where he now lives. "It is impossible for me to express in few words my feelings on learning of the passing of our beloved Walter."

The Rev. High Moore wired: "A great soul has gone to Paradise."

Eight prominent Atlantans served as his pallbearers—Philip H. Alston, Sr., William Cole Jones, Cary B. Wilmer, Charles S. Hammond, Dr. E. A. Bancker, Edward S. Gay, Shepherd Bryan and Joseph H. Williams.

## Philander Smith Ex-Prexy Dies

(2) Pittsburgh, Pa.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(ANP)—

Dr. James Monroe Cox, president emeritus of Philander Smith College and widely known Methodist minister, died in his home here recently at the age of 88. The veteran educator taught Greek and Latin at the college before he was elected president in 1887.

He was born in Chambers County, Ala., in 1860 and came to Arkansas more than sixty years ago. One of the best known Negroes in the State, he was considered among the top scholars of his race. He was the first Negro citizen of Arkansas to be listed in "Who's Who in America."

Besides his ministerial and ed-



# Atlantans Shocked By News Of Death Of J. Richardson Jones

J. Richardson Jones, cinematographer and newspaperman of the city, died suddenly Monday afternoon while conversing over the telephone in the office of a local physician.

The deceased was born in Atlanta where he spent most of his life. His age was given as 47-years-old. He was said to have been suffering from a heart ailment for sometime.

Other than being connected with the field of journalism and photography, the deceased had been publicly acclaimed as an inimitable dramatist, performing as Master of Ceremonies on several noteworthy occasions.

To most people the likable Atlantantian was more familiarly known as just "J. Richardson," whose grave concern for the welfare of his people and his persistent fight for civil liberties evoked commendations from organizational heads and the public at large.

Formerly an insurance salesman, the personable photographer-reporter gave service to a number of newspapers over the nation, among which were the Atlanta Daily World, the Chicago Defender, the Pittsburgh Courier and the Afro-American.

Among his outstanding achievements was the filming of a news-reel entitled "Atlanta's Parade of Progress," which had a nation-wide showing.

## FAITHFUL TO THE END

As a member of the Citizens' Defense Committee in his diligent fight to expose brutality and abridgements of civil rights, Jones made several trips throughout terror-stricken areas of the state to gain first-hand information and photographic evidence exposing such illegalities.

Among those were trips to Monroe, La., to probe the brutal massacre of two husbands and their wives in 1946; the sadistic Glynn County prison slayings near Brunswick; the slaying of Henry Gilbert, of near LaGrange, Ga.; the Loganville burnings of two churches and a school house laid to a Negro, all during last year; and more recent way into the death

penalty conviction of a mother and her two sons in Ellaville, Ga. He had just returned from the latter trip when he succumbed.

Surviving the deceased are two sisters, Mrs. Camilla Cambridge, of Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Louise Williams, of New York City; two brothers, Richard and William C. Jones, of New York City; and nieces and nephews.

Of the deceased C. A. Scott, Editor-General Manager of the World had this to say:

"I was shocked to hear of his sudden death. I knew, however, he was suffering from a heart ailment. He was a courageous, energetic and natural newspaperman, preferring always to work as a freelance newspaperman rather than a salaried employee."

Rev. William Holmes Borders, pastor of Wheat Street Baptist church, commented:

"As far as I know there was no person more sincerely concerned about Negroes whose rights had been violated in lynchings, civil liberties and suffrage. He took dangerous risks in helping to investigate the Monroe lynchings, the Gilbert case near LaGrange, Ga., and more recently the Ellaville conviction to the electric chair of a mother and her two sons in the self defense slaying of a white farmer."

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## BURY THEIR NEGRO MENTOR

**'Boys,' Now in Sixties, Honor Atlantantian Who Guided Them**

ATLANTA, Oct. 13.—Will Hill, handyman, wise man and Negro, was borne to his grave yesterday by his "boys"—all white.

Nobody knows how old Will was, but some of his "boys," nearly all of whom are successful business men and community leaders, are in their sixties. But they do know that Will sometimes talked of Reconstruction Days—the period between 1860 and 1878.

Somehow, they said, Will had a social club to keep

## Georgia

They told of how Will used to read the Bible to them, of how he once sent the whole club meekly on its way to Sunday School when a revolt threatened, and of how he had no use for whisky and fighting.

John Woodward, who writes for the Atlanta Journal, said of Will and his "boys":

"He kept more of them from becoming tramps and bums than you can imagine. One boy, lickered by his father, ran away from home. Will rounded him up, kept him for several days and then, when homesickness came, took him home again."

## 'We're Scared,' Fire Victims Tell Courier

By JAMES EDMUND BOYACK

(Special to The Courier)

LYONS, Ga.—Three Negro homes were mysteriously burned to the ground in this town of 3,000 in recent days.

This reporter examined one of the homes on the highway near the county court house where Mrs. Amy Mallard fought for the indictment of two men whom she identified as among the mob who murdered her husband, Robert, on Nov. 20.

An anonymous letter to him in connection with the fires was made public by Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution. It read:

"We are scared. Last Tuesday night John Baker's place burned down and last night two more colored places burned. W. M. Locky and Mose Brazios are on the same street. They say they are too close to white folks."

"We have lived here for years and we do not have no place to go. We do not know what to do. We have no rights. Help us if you can. God knows we do not bother the white folks."

The shack examined by this reporter was windowless. Only the four charred walls were left standing.

In the court room, FBI Lieut. William E. McDuffie showed the reporter another letter, typed on the margin of a page of Time magazine of Dec. 8.

The page contained a photo showing, left to right, retiring Capt. Bill Conway, Coach Herman Hickman, and newly elected 1948 Capt. Levi Jackson of the Yale football team. On an adjoining page was a photo of Lieut. McDuffie talking to Mrs. Amy Mallard. This anonymous letter was mailed from Oklahoma City, and stated:

"Lieutenant McDuffie, ignorant (censored) like you could not be admitted to Yale College. Aren't

you ashamed to admit that a n—r is smarter?"

## It Happened In Georgia

WILL HILL was a Negro who won the friendship of many white boys. He gave them kindly advice and organized social clubs to keep them out of mischief. Some of the youngsters later became successful business men. All attributed their success to the Negro who counseled them as youth. Will Hill went to Heaven in October. His "boys," all white and none under 60, took him to his grave.

What makes this tale so poignant: It happened in Atlanta, Ga.

## J. Richardson Jones

J. Richardson Jones, Photographer and Cinematographer, has answered the last call. His sudden death in Atlanta last Monday was a severe shock to all Atlantans, for he was beloved by all groups and classes and by both races. His death will be equally as shocking to citizens over the Nation who had come to know and admire him.

Mr. Jones, it might be said, was an Ambassador of good will for colored Atlantans. He was a great bundle of energy, a human dynamo, as it were. It was no secret that doctors advised him to "go slow." Jones was not made up like that. He could not sit by when an opportunity presented itself to do a good turn for some child in the street, just any child needing his tender care; he could turn down the appeal of some club, church or other group which needed him to write a story, take a picture and make a contribution to their cause, and most of all, he could not withstand the

World staff photographer. He was no ordinary character. He made friends for the papers and contributed to wealth of Negro achievement in Atlanta. His popular esteem was amply attested in the admiring throngs who braved Friday's wintry blast to pay their final tributes of respect to him. Big Bethel was his church affiliation. But few Atlantans stopped to question his church connections. He belonged to all the churches and to all of the people. Jones has answered the call and his memory will be cherished by all who knew him in Atlanta and throughout the Nation.

temptation of risking his very life to go and photograph a distressed victim who was about to be railroaded to the electric chair or to prison for a crime, which in many known cases, were due to rank conspiracy between arresting officers and the accusers.

Such is the story of J. Richardson Jones, dramatic reader, radio commentator, cinematographer and Atlanta Daily



# Claude McKay Poet, Succumbs

CHICAGO, (ANPA)—Claude McKay, 58, author and poet, died in a hospital here last Saturday morning after an illness of several years. He had been living in Chicago for the past five years, doing research work for the National Catholic Youth Organization and writing poetry, which is expected to be published. He became a Catholic in 1942, the year his last book of poems appeared.

Born in Sunnyville, Jamaica, Mr. McKay came to this country in 1912. He studied at Tuskegee Institute and Kansas State College. He worked as a Pullman porter, dock-hand and fireman, and gathered the material for his writings.

He worked in New York on the Liberator and in London on the Dreadnought with Sylvia Pankhurst. He met Nikolai Lenin and Leon Trotsky in the early days of the Russian revolution, and in 1922 he addressed the Third Internationale as a representative of the American Workers party. He remained in the Soviet Union until 1923 to write a book for colored Americans on the Russian revolution.

## NOVEL A SUCCESS

His novel, "Home to Harlem," was published in 1928 and became an immediate success. In 1929 the William A. Harmon Foundation honored him with a gold medal and \$400 for his book of poems, "Harlem Shadows" and for his "Home to Harlem."

"Banana Bottom," a story of Jamaica in the early 1900s, appeared in 1938. It was followed four years later by his autobiography, "A Long Way From Home." His last book, "Harlem: Negro Metropolis," was published in 1940. Other volumes he wrote included "Songs of Jamaica," 1911; "Constab Ballads," 1912, and "Spring in New Hampshire," 1920.

Mr. McKay is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Kope McKay Virtue, a student at Columbia University; a sister, Rachel, and four brothers, Utheo, Hubert, Nathaniel and Thomas, all of Jamaica.

# Funeral Parade for Slain Striker

3,000 Persons

Join In March

NATIONAL CITY, ILL. (INS)

Some three thousand persons,

most of them members of the United Packinghouse Workers and other CIO unions, took part in a funeral procession Friday to honor a picket who was shot to death while trying to keep another man off the job. *Fri. 5-21-48*

The funeral procession circled the strike-bound Armour & Company plant in National City, where the slaying occurred.

Fifty pickets on strike duty outside the plant stood at attention while the cortege passed, in tribute to their fellow-union member, Edward N. Hucks, 54-year-old Negro.

The men pickets removed their hats and the women bowed their heads.

Inside one of the limousines which followed the line of marchers on foot, Hucks' widow pointed to the scene where her husband was shot and began sobbing.

In addition to the three thousand taking part in the procession, police estimated at least 3,500 stood along the line of march which extended for two miles starting at Bohemian hall in East St. Louis.

The procession was orderly throughout. It slowed noticeably as it neared the Armour plant and paused for less than a minute outside the plant property. Shades were drawn over all the plant's windows, where work presumably was continuing with non-strikers on the job.

At the funeral services which preceded the march, the Rev. Ira B. Lyles, Negro Baptist pastor, described Hucks as a loyal worker, "who sacrificed his life for the working man."

His alleged assailant, Oscar Perry, 27, also a Negro, is held on a murder charge.

City, County and State police, fearing a possible outbreak of violence, escorted the procession.

# Bousfield Gibbs Die In Chicago

Two nationally known Chicago medical figures died here Monday, and a third is gravely ill at Billings hospital.

Dr. Midian O. Bousfield, widely known as a medical administrator and as commanding officer of the station hospital at Fort Huachuca during the war, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home Monday morning. Funeral services will be held Thursday.

Dr. William W. Gibbs, who had retired after a distinguished career as an obstetrician, died Monday morning after an illness of several weeks. Both were members

of the staff of Provident hospital. Dr. Spencer C. Dickerson, one time commanding officer of the Eighth Illinois Regiment, is gravely ill at Billings hospital.

# Physician-Soldier Was Member Of Famed "8th Illinois"

Noted Leader Was Known By Many Citizens Of  
Nashville. A Lifetime Was On Faculty Of  
Roger Williams University

Chicago, Ill. (Special)—Death claimed Dr. Spencer C. Dickerson, a retired General from the Eighth Illinois Regiment. He passed at the Billings Hospital at 9:30 p. m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25th, after a lingering illness. The deceased was one of the leading doctors in this city and in the State of Illinois. He was a member of the National Medical Association and took part in many of the Clinics at Tuskegee Institute held annually, and in other hospitals. He was a native of Texas, but left the Lone Star State many years ago. At one time Dr. Dickerson was a member of the faculty of Old Roger Williams University in Nashville, Tenn. He left that institution of learning and went up into Massachusetts, and remained around in the east after he had finished his medicine. After remaining in Massachusetts for a number of years he located in this city where he was connected with the Old Rush Medical College, and was on the staff of the Provident General Hospital. He joined the Eighth Illinois Regiment and was a Commissioned Officer in this military organization. When World War No. I broke out he went with his regiment to France and was commissioned as a Major. He remained in Europe until the close of hostilities. Before coming back to the states however, he was promoted to the position of Colonel and served in that capacity, even after the Regiment returned to the States. Later on he was commissioned as a General and then retired from active service after he had reached the age limit.

Funeral services were announced in this city to be at the Eighth Regiment Armory, as he is to have a military burial. Plans were made for the entire regiment

to which he belonged to be in attendance and to have charge of the funeral. The Armory is located on Giles Avenue near 35th. The family announced that among the speakers for the occasion will be Col. Roscoe Simmons of this city and Rev. Henry A. Boyd of Nashville, both of whom are honorary members of the Regiment.

General Dickerson was married to Miss Daisy Hunter, who at the time of their marriage was a student nurse in the Provident Hospital. This was more than a quarter of a century ago. The former Miss Hunter, who is a sister of Mrs. Edward L. Preacher, was born, and reared in Nashville, Tenn., and finished her literary training at the old Walden University in Tennessee's capital city. There were no children born to the union.

Mrs. Dickerson is one of Chicago's registered nurses employed by the City of Chicago, a position that she has held for more than twenty-five years. General Dickerson, besides his wife, is survived by two sisters who reside in California, and a brother living in Texas, with other relatives, many of whom were expected to be present at the funeral services at eleven o'clock, Thursday, March 4th.

Notice of the death of General Dickerson was sent throughout the United States, and there were scores of letters, telegrams, messages of sympathy sent to the bereaved widow and relatives. The floral designs reaching here were profuse.

General Dickerson's death follows closely on the heels of the death of Col. Bradden, who was a Chaplain in the Regiment with the rank of Colonel. It will be recalled here that both General Dickerson and Colonel Bradden

were principal figures in a big Red Cross Demonstration, Parade and Mass Meeting held in Nashville about four years ago. They went down from this city in full uniforms as the guests of the Colored Division of the Red Cross Drive. The meeting was held in the War Memorial Building down in Nashville.

# Hold Rites For Legion Official

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# Heart Attack Ends Life Of Dr. Bousfield

CHICAGO — (ANP) — A heart attack suffered early Monday morning brought to an abrupt close the colorful career of Dr. Midian Othello Bousfield, vice-president, medical director and one of the original incorporators of the Liberty Life Insurance company, here. He was 62 years old at the time of his death, and during World War II headed the army hospital at Ft. Huachuca, serving with the rank of colonel.

He was born in Tipton, Mo., Aug. 22, 1885, to Willard Haymen and Cornelia Catherine Gilbert Bousfield. At an early age, the family moved to Kansas City, Mo., where



Welfare services, 1941; chairman, National Emergency Defense committee, NMA, 1941, official U. S. delegate to the eighth Pan-American Child congress, 1942; consultant to U. S. Children's bureau and Chicago board of health.

Fellow of American Public Health association, American Medical association and the Institute of Medicine Chicago; member of boards of directors of the Chicago and National Urban leagues; Provident Hospital, Chicago; Wabash Avenue YMCA, Chicago; South Side Boys club, Chicago; Metropolitan Housing Council, Chicago; National forum, Chicago; Tuberculosis Institute of Chicago and Cook County; Chicago Civil Liberties committee; Lincoln center, Chicago; and Rebuilders triangle (tuberculosis rehabilitation.)

He entered the armed forces in 1942 as a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Medical corps. He organized and directed operations of Station Hospital No. 1, at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., the first all-Negro hospital unit accepted by the U. S. army, and was retired in the rank of colonel in September, 1942. A member of Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Phi fraternities, he was named a member of the board of governors of the American National Red Cross in June, 1947.

Surviving him, beside Mrs. Bousfield, are one daughter, Maudelle and a grand son.

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From 1915 to 1919, Dr. Bousfield was secretary of the Railway Men's International Benevolent Industrial association, pioneer Negro labor organization. As one of the original incorporators of the Liberty Life Insurance company, he was its first vice-president and medical director, from 1919 to 1925; was president of the firm from 1925 to 1929, following the death of Frank L. Gillespie; and when the company, following a merger, became the Supreme Liberty Life, he was elected



# Candy Jim Taylor, Gr and Old Man Of Sepia Baseball Dies In Chicago

Memphis World (29) Ill. Memphis, Tenn.  
Fri. 4-9-48

The baseball world was shocked last Saturday night to learn of the death in Chicago of James "Candy Jim" Taylor, who died at 6:10 p.m. at People's hospital. Candy Jim was one of the pillars of Negro baseball, having spent a lifetime in the game.

He was one of four brothers who made baseball history by their brilliant play and contribution to the national pastime. He came to fame with his brother, the late C. I. Taylor, with the Indianapolis ABC's more than two decades ago. Rated as one of the best third basemen in the game, he was also a natural hitter, and even went in as a pinch hitter as late as seven or eight years ago. 4-9-48

He was one of the most picturesque figures on the baseball field, a hard fighter and a bone to umpires. He was a shrewd manager and a good judge of baseball talent. He enjoyed the admiration and respect of all baseball people; both fans and players alike, he was what the ball players called a "ball player's" manager. 4-9-48 Taylor had been in poor health for more than a year and had recently undergone a stomach operation. Last season he was manager of the Chicago American Giants, but had served as manager of many of the clubs now in the two leagues. He was scheduled to manage the Baltimore Elite Giants this season, of the National League.

Memphis World  
He was 65 years old, a bachelor and for years had been known as the "Grand Ole Man of Baseball." He leaves a brother, Ben, who lives in Baltimore and another brother, "Steelarm" who lives in Peoria, Ill. Funeral services last Tuesday Chicago Peoples Funeral Home charge. Memphis World

of their home. This was the first hospital for colored patients in the North Shore area.

Funeral services were held at Second Baptist church here; and she was buried at Sunset cemetery, Glenview, Ill. She is survived by a son, Arthur D. Butler Jr.; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Florence Butler; two grandchildren, Arthur and Florence; a brother, John 86, Culver, Ind.; and a sister, Grace.

A. & T. COLLEGE PROFESSOR TAKES JOB AT W. VA. STATE GREENSBORO, N.C.—Assistant teacher-trainer at A. and T. College, W. T. Johnson, has accepted the position of head teacher-trainer at West Virginia State College. He will assume his duties immediately.

## Illinois Medical

### Pioneer Succumbs

EVANSTON, Ill. (ANP)—Dr. Isabelle Garnett Butler, dean of colored physicians along the North Shore here, died in a medical institution she established over 34 years ago last week at the age of 76. 4-9-48

Along with her husband, the late Dr. Arthur D. Butler, she established what is now the Community Hospital on the upper floor



## Janitor Dies Just Few Days After Retiring to Take It Easy

*Louisville, Ky. 39*  
An elderly Negro janitor who retired last week to "take things easy for a while" died at 9:15 a.m. yesterday at Red Cross Hospital. *The Courier-Journal* *Dec. 1-9-48*  
Showered with gifts of food and money from his employers, Charles Sowell, 69, 1017 Hancock, had been all set to enjoy life

after 30 years with the Jenner Company, engravers, Sneed Building. *The Courier-Journal*

A sudden illness struck him several days after he retired. He sank rapidly, members of his family said. *Louisville, Ky.*

Officers and workers of the company had given him \$100 in food and cash on his last day at work. *The Courier-Journal* *Dec. 1-9-48*

Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Grace Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Louisville Cemetery.



# Notables In Attendance At Lewis Funeral

*Sept 9-11-48*  
PITTSBURGH, Pa.—No-

tables of the Negro Press and many other people of national prominence attended the funeral here at Holy Cross Episcopal church Thursday afternoon of Ira Foster Lewis, 65, President and general manager of the Pittsburgh Courier, who died last Saturday evening in the Commodore Hotel in New York. He was a victim of heart attack.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Harriett Lewis, Adelaide Lewis Scott, Jane Lewis Woodson, daughters; Robert Ira Lewis, son, and Eugene Lewis, a brother, who were at his bedside when he died.

Mr. Lewis who was also president of the Interstate United Newspapers, Inc., and regional vice-president of the National Negro Publishers' Association, was born in Lexington, N. C. Aug. 25, 1883. He lived his early years in Charlotte, attending Biddle University for a year before leaving for the north.

In 1908 he met Harriet Eleanor Nicholson and a year later they were married.

He listed among his friends men high in the industrial, financial and political life of the nation, among whom were Pres. Harry S. Truman, Michael L. Benedum, the oil magnate; Joseph T. Wier, industrialist and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

A member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity and the Masons, he was also former president of the Loendi Club, oldest social organization of its kind in the country and former vestryman of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

## Courier President Is Laid to Rest

*Sept 9-11-48*  
*Pittsburgh Post 29*  
By CHESTER L. WASHINGTON Jr.

(Courier Associate Editor)

PITTSBURGH—They laid the "Little Chief" to rest in serene Homewood Cemetery Thursday—directly opposite the mausoleum where his teammate, "Big Chief" Robert L. Vann lies in repose—after a host of notables, ranging from the Nation's President down to city officials, had paid a reverent tribute to one of America's truly great newspapermen, Ira F. Lewis.

Imposing funeral rites for The Pittsburgh Courier's crusading president were held in flower-banked Wesley Center AMEZ Church Thursday morning before a capacity crowd with many of the nation's who in America.

The dignitaries came from all sections of the Nation included Congressman William L. Dawson of Chicago, ex-Senator Joseph Guffey, Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, and Commissioner Grant Reynolds of New York; Thomas W. Young, president of the NNPA; Truman K. Gibson, president of Supreme Liberty Life; William Graham and George S. Schuyler from New York; Atty. Austin Norris of Philadelphia and Joseph D. Bibb of Chicago; Raymond Pace Alexander of Philadelphia, and scores of others.

### SERVICES IMPRESSIVE

The solemn services were impressively conducted by Father Samuel D. Rudder, rector of the Church of the Holy Cross of which Mr. Lewis was once a vestryman, assisted by the Rev. Charles H. Foggie, pastor of Wesley Center, Father Charles Levy of New York, the Rev. Robert P. Johnson of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Cornell E. Talley of Central Baptist, and the Rev. Porter W. Phillips of Carron Street Baptist Church who paid significant and diversified tributes to the deceased for his life of service and achievement.

Father Levy praised Mr. Lewis for his unselfish contributions and services to his church and his community. The Rev. Mr. Johnson commended his achievements, in spite of obstacles, in the difficult fields of big business and race relations.

### HIS LIFE AN EXAMPLE

The Rev. Mr. Talley predicted that the inspiring example of Mr. Lewis' life will be as "enduring as Mount Zion" to his race and to those who will follow in his foot-

steps. The Rev. Mr. Phillips lauded the late Courier president for having the vision to tell his congregation once in a speech that the church and the press must team together to work for racial and community improvements and progress.

### FROM CHAMP TO NEWSBOY

Beautiful floral tributes from scores of admirers of the courageous newspaperman who championed their cause—from heavyweight king Joe Louis down to a tiny Courier "newsie" who loved his Chief—adorned the altar with a veil of sentimental fragrance.

A symphonic musical setting for the rites was furnished in the touching song "Be Still My Soul" by The Courier's Miss Esther Moore, plus the melodious chants of a mixed chorus of Courier employees and members of the Holy Cross and Wesley Center Church choirs.

Pallbearers were veteran co-workers of The Courier's president, including William G. Nunn, Arthur L. Morris, Walter Waters, Wilbert Holloway, Phillip Taylor, Earl V. Hord, Walter Pollard, Jack Morris and John L. Clark. Other Courier employees who served as flower girls were Florence Jenkins, Mary Warrick, Margaret Moore, Elizabeth Barrow, Frances Bell, Torafenne Brooks, Florence Bluett, Beatrice Shelton, Isabelle Kizee and Marcella Palmer.

Prior to the church services, special rites were conducted by the Free and Accepted Order of Masons and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the family residence, 616 Wilkinsburg Avenue on Wednesday evening.

In the solemn funeral cortege leaving the church, the bereaved family members including the widow, Mrs. Harriett E. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Woodson, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lewis, Barten Lowe, Mrs. Esther Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robinson, Ralph Lowe and Mrs. Edna Craig, followed the ca-

net. Members of The Courier's Board of Directors, officers and staff members, led by Mrs. Robert L. Vann, publisher and treasurer, and Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, vice president, followed.

The Courier's office was closed at noon in respect to the memory of its deceased president.

Following the Wesley Center rites, a solemn motorcade of approximately seventy-five cars, preceded by a motorcycle escort, moved to the beautiful Homewood Cemetery where the body was interred in a plot facing the burial place of the late Robert L. Vann.

### MANY OUT-OF-TOWNERS

Scores of out-of-towners and countless State and city officials attended to pay tribute to the militant newspaperman who fearlessly carried the torch against second-class citizenship for members of his race.

Among the many distinguished visitors were: Col. Campbell C. Johnson of Washington, D. C., representing the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Ormand A. Forte of the Cleveland Herald, William O. Walker of the Cleveland Call Post, Mabel and Lawrence Payne of Cleveland, Atty. William S. Sherwood, James Edmund Boyack of New York, Miss Ira M. Leveton, Ray Peck and William G. Black from Interstate United Newspapers, Inc., C. B. Powell of the Amsterdam News, John Davis, Our World publisher; Ted Stanford and Kiah Sales of New York, Hugo Warren, Robert Taylor, Ernest Humbles, Lloyd G. Blane, all of Washington, D. C.; Lucius Jones, New Orleans; Ted Coleman, Chicago; Albert Dunmore, Cleveland; Atty. Ted Berry and Camille Cole of Cincinnati, Luther White, Cleveland; Horace Cayton and Ted Coleman, Chicago; Ted Poston, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Reynolds, Philadelphia; Mrs. Roy Rogers of Philadelphia, Mrs. Annie Dudley, Berlin, Pa.; Mrs. Mabel Dunbar, Washington, D. C.; J. A. Rogers, New York; Truman K. Gibson Sr. of Chicago, Frank Bolden and Will Robinson of Detroit, Lem Graves of Washington, D. C.; Jack Saunders and Talmadge Jackson of Philadelphia; John H. Sengstacke of the Chicago Defender, Campbell C. Johnson of Washington, Frank Horne from Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Pittsburgh's City Treasurer Edward P. Kirk representing Mayor David Lawrence, Prothonotary David B. Roberts, Representative Homer B. Egan and many others.

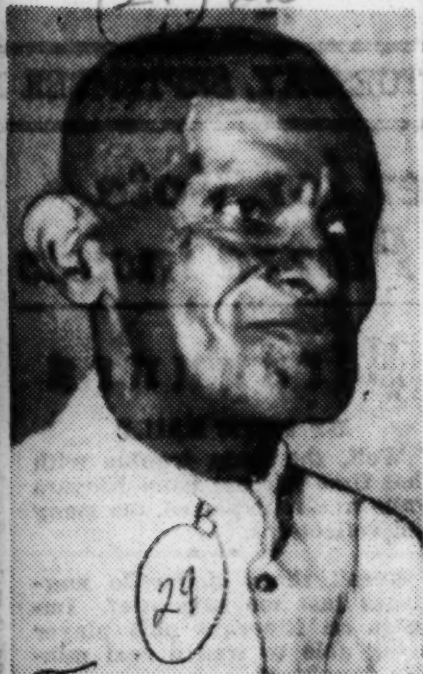
### WIRES FLOOD OFFICE

Hundreds of wires of sympathy flooded The Pittsburgh Courier office and scores more were sent to his widow, Mrs. Harriett Lewis. The senders included President Harry S. Truman, Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Governor Walter W. Bacon of Delaware, Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, the Miami Negro Press Club, Emory Jackson of the Birmingham

World, President Lawrence A. Davis of Arkansas State College, Lucille M. Scott of The Atlanta World, Ed Smalls of New York, Joseph C. Coles of Detroit, J. Arthur Welsager of Washington, D. C., Dr. B. M. Lewis of Atlanta, George and Louise Hayes of Washington, Mrs. William T. Ward of Cleveland, Bess Gant of Los Angeles, Eunice H. Carter of New York, W. B. Young of Jacksonville, E. Washington Rhodes of the Philadelphia Tribune, Richard H. Allen Jr. of Chicago, William L. Houston of Washington, the Rev. Henry Allen Boyd, Bishop Walls, from Amsterdam, Netherlands; Judge and Mrs. W. C. Sueston, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Frank L. Stanley of the Louisville Defender, James C. Evans, Washington; L. J. K. Wells of Color magazine, C. C. Spaulding, president, N. O. Mutual Life Insurance Company; Lester B. Granger, Executive Secretary, National Urban League; Lawrence A. Oxley, Washington; Eugene Knicker, New York; Bishop Austin Patrick, New York; Kelsey Rharr of Miami; Marjorie McKenzie, Washington; Dr. John W. Lawiah, Washington; Ulysses W. Boykin of the Detroit Tribune, Emmett Harmon of Liberia, Charles P. Browning, Chicago; J. L. Leflore, Mobile, Ala.; Lionel Hampton, J. M. Ellison, president, Virginia Union University; John E. Culmer, Miami; Lewis O. Swinger, Memphis; J. Irving E. Scott, Alcorn, Miss.; Augustine B. Kelley, Greensburg, Pa.; Mrs. W. S. Benton, Fort Worth, Tex.; Joseph B. LaCour, New York; Carroll M. Ellis, Chicago; Neal Hilliard, Houston, Tex.; Bishop F. L. Lewis and CMB California conference, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Steels, Chicago; Dr. Thomas S. Harten, Brooklyn; Allen Nimer, Houston; M. C. Clark, Cleveland; James A. Cobb, Washington; Rayford Logan, Washington; Z. Alexander Looby, Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. J. C. Austin, Chicago; J. E. Mitchell of St. Louis Argus, John H. Johnson, Ebony Magazine; C. A. Scott, Atlanta Daily World; Dowdall Davis, Kansas City Call; Dr. J. E. Walker, Universal Life Insurance Company; Herbert T. Miller, Brooklyn; Willard W. Allen, Baltimore; Edward E. Boyd, New York; Committee to Abolish Discrimination, Washington; Dr. J. Patterson, president, Tuskegee; Congressman Herman P. Eberharter; the Rev. C. E. Chapman, Kansas City; John A. Dias, Miami; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ratcliffe, Memphis; Cecil E. Newman, Minneapolis; Dutton Ferguson, editor, Opportunity magazine; L. E. Austin, Carolina Times; Floyd Shelson, New York; E. F. Joseph, Oakland; W. Louis Davis, Chicago; the Rev. Marshall A. Talley, Indianapolis; John T. Clark, St. Louis; Henry A. Fleming, Indianapolis, and scores of others.



# Veteran Employee of Boston Club, Widely Known, Dies



—Photo by The Times-Herald

WILLIAM HARRIS

The crepe was hanging at the Canal street entrance of the Boston Club Monday. That, in itself, was not unusual, for the crepe always hangs there when a member of the club dies.

What was unusual was that no member had died recently and the crepe was on the club's door to mark the passing of a Negro, aged William Harris.

William, as he was known by members of the club and by thousands of other New Orleanians, died early Monday in the Illinois Central hospital. He had been ill almost a year.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Joseph P. Geddes funeral home, 2826 Danneel street, and the body was taken to Natchez for burial in the city cemetery beside his wife. The only survivor is a brother, Bert Harris of Des Moines, Ia.

William's great day came each Mardi Gras. For 39 years he assisted the Boston Club president up a ladder to toast Rex in the presence of tens of thousands of revelers. He always wore a scarlet coat and white knee breeches.

He was honored by the club in May, 1947, upon his completion of a half-century in its employ. A plaque bearing his likeness, done by Angela Gregory, was placed in the lobby, and remains as the only plaque there.

William was born in New Or-

leans, studied Latin and Greek at Straight university before leaving to work for the Varieties Club, whose rooms were in the Grand Opera House and whose members sponsored the theater.

When the Opera House was closed in 1897, he crossed Canal street to find employment in the Boston Club.

In an interview last year he made this observation on conditions then and now:

"The tables of the club were filled with snipe and quail in '97 and all the food was seasoned highly. Now, so many men are on a diet that the food's served flat. . . some can't eat salt, some can't eat pepper, some want tabasco, so we put a row of sauces for the different tastes. Men lived 'til 90 in the old days. Now they die too soon."



# Brief, Simple Rites Held for Mrs. D. O. W. Holmes

Wife of Retiring President of Morgan College  
Lauded as 'Great Lady'; Cremation Planned

## BALTIMORE

Brief, dignified rites, reflecting spirit her life of service, were held at the Morgan State College Christian Center on Saturday for Mrs. Lucy Messer Holmes, wife of the retiring president, Dr. Dwight W. Holmes.

Mrs. Holmes was 75 years old. She died on Wednesday at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she had been carried the previous day after suffering a heart attack.

The body, encased in a gray cloth casket and clothed in a simple gray dress, adorned with an orchid corsage, lay in state from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when the services began.

## Flowers Given Hospitals

The altar of the center was a solid bank of floral designs, varying from the most elaborate to simple containers of flowers, of myriad hues. Following the services they were distributed to patients at Provident and Johns Hopkins Hospitals.

Officiating was the Rev. Howard Cornish, director of the Christian Center. He read the scripture lesson including the 100th Psalm; and offered as a reading, a section of Kalil Gibrahn's poem, "The Prophet."

## Three Graces in Her Life

James Carter, business manager of Morgan, read a tribute to "Mother Holmes As We Knew Her," in which he noted that loyalty, courage and love were the three graces in her life.

He said in part:

"Long years ago, she ceased to represent on these grounds, any semblance of a figure clothed with awesome dignity, or of one apt to move and speak with chilling authority."

## Was Gracious, Loving

"By the gracious courtesy of her bearing, by that thoughtful understanding which lent a solution to almost every problem, by the abundance of her love, sufficient to be shared with us all, she came to personify at Morgan, that symbol which men have come closest to worshipping after they have paid tribute to their gods."

"She became Mother Holmes, and by that name, forever green, will be her memory."

## Active in Campus Life

He spoke of her rare talent of

being able to focus a different facet of her spirit upon each individual with whom she associated, and of her participation in the campus life.

Mr. Carter told how Mrs. Holmes attended the games and social activities, visited the dormitories in the school dining room, and worshipped in the Christian Center; and related of the sincere hospitality extended all who visited her home.

He described her as "serene, gracious and kindly," and suggested as her epitaph, a line from a current novel: "She was a lady, a very great lady."

## Miss Prettyman Sings

Miss Sara Prettyman, a June graduate sang, an old Welsh Melody, "All Through the Night." There were two congregational hymns, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," and "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart."

The invocation and benediction were by the Rev. Frederick Douglas, pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church.

Those serving as honorary pallbearers filed from the church to form an aisle on the rolling hill on which the Center stands, down to the road, as the casket was borne to the hearse. The body was transported to the Latham Cemetery for cremation in accordance with the wishes of the deceased.

## Ashes to Be Blown

Later, the ashes will be blown over the waters of the Chesapeake Bay where Mrs. Holmes and her husband had spent many hours in their yacht during their vacations.

Active pallbearers were John L. Berry, a former student, Dr. A. O. Reid, resident of Morgan Park; Edward N. Wilson, registrar; George C. Grant, dean, Earl R. Moses, teacher at the college, and a student representative.

Honorary pallbearers included members of the Morgan and Metropolitan Methodist Church trustee boards, the Gamma Boule, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and the Frontiers Club.

## Dr. Holmes Greets Friends

Perhaps the most remarkable and touching part of the whole afternoon, was the serenity and poise of Dr. Holmes. After leaving the center, he greeted his sorrowing

friends on the campus, talking briefly with many who gripped his hand in understanding sympathy. "This is the sort of thing she would have me do," he told them.

## Mrs. Holmes From Ohio

Mrs. Holmes, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Messer, born in Zanesville, Ohio, was a graduate of Oberlin College, and did post graduate work at Howard University.

As a teacher she served at Dunbar High School in Washington, Bricks School in Enfield, North Carolina; and at Douglass High School in Baltimore.

In 1907, she was married to Dr. Holmes who was then science teacher at Douglass. June 17 will mark their 41st wedding anniversary.

## Pioneered in D.C. Social Work

While residing in Washington where Dr. Holmes was teacher at Minor Teachers College, and dean of the Howard University Graduate School; Mrs. Holmes became one of the first social workers there.

She was one of the founders of the Washington Council of Social Workers, serving as its vice-president for nearly 20 years.

She held membership in the National Association of College Women, the Alpha Kappa Sorority, the Philamathians and the DuBois Circle.

Most recently she shared honors with Dr. Holmes at testimonials and banquets held prior to his retirement.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Holmes was survived by two sons, Dr. D. O. W. Holmes Jr., a physician residing in Newark, N.J.; and Messer Davis, a son by a previous marriage. There is also a two-month old granddaughter, Gwendolyn Holmes.



MRS. MINNIE P. TUCKER:

# Death of Soprano Recalls Great Musical Era Here

By W. LLEWELLYN WILSON

7-17-48 BALTIMORE

Musicians note with sadness, the recent passing of Minnie Peck Tucker, the youngest daughter of the late Rev. E. W. S. Peck, who was prominently identified with the musical life of Baltimore.

Early in her girlhood she began a career as a soprano, which continued up to the time of her death. She was a member of the Baltimore City Chorus.

Mrs. Tucker's passing recalls a chapter in the development of music here, which many of our local oldsters remember with pleasure: the period which brought before the American public such talented theatrical performers as our own Lloyd Gibbs, whose superb tenor voice carried him all over the United States and before the crowned heads of Europe.

## Many Others Listed

Incidentally, Mr. Gibbs still survives and is now living in New York City, where he is enjoying a comfortable retirement.

Others of this period included, in part: Bert Williams, George Walker, who formed the great team of Williams and Walker; S. H. Dudley, Sissereta Jones (Black Patti), Flora Batson, Nelson Tunstall, Ida Forcen, a dancer of superior talents; Constantia Brown (now Mrs. Ralph Reckling), Will Marion Cook, the gifted brothers, James Weldon and J. Rosamond Johnson; Avery Fleetwood, Tressa Stewart, and her brother, Ambrose Briscoe.

This group of talented performers did much to fire the ambitious youngsters of that day to become writers of plays, composers, singers, dancers, producers, and to stage original musical plays.

## Lewis Hamilton Murray

The local nestor in the Baltimore area was Lewis Hamilton Murray, now a principal in one of our secondary schools, whose annual musical plays drew capacity audiences to the old Albaugh's Theatre, which stood on N. Charles St., near Preston St.

Mr. Murray enjoyed the personal friendship of all the great stars who came to Baltimore, which added much to his own historic gifts.

Mr. Murray, "Hamp" as he was affectionately called by close friends, always selected the members of his casts with meticulous care. Talent and character were the chief criteria which formed the basis of his selection.

## Featured Mrs. Tucker

Usually, the late Mrs. Tucker would be one of the prima donnas

of the productions. She, along with the gifted Wharton Sisters, Constantia and Hermione; one now a vice-principal, and the other a teacher of art at Douglass High School, always sang the stellar vocal parts.

Others contemporary with Mrs. Tucker were Rosa Murdock, Annabel and Selma Waring, Winifred and Edna Waters, Hattie Jackson, Rachel Williams, and Pearl Gaines.

The passing of Mrs. Tucker closes an important chapter in the musical life of our Baltimore of a few years back.



WILLIAM C. MARSHALL

# Illness Proves Fatal to Marshall

Sat 7-17-48 BALTIMORE

In failing health for the past year, William C. Marshall, 65, father of Thurgood Marshall, special NAACP counsel, died early Wednesday morning at his home, 1838 Drury Hill, Baltimore, Md. His death followed by 15 days, that of his mother, 90-year-old Mrs. Annie Marshall, who died on Feb. 7.

He was given funeral rites

Friday at the Holland Funeral Home. Interment followed at Arbutus Memorial Park.

## Worked as Waiter, Steward

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Marshall who operated a grocery store at Division and Dolphin St., the deceased was educated in the local public schools.

He worked many years as a waiter and steward in both the Gibson Island and Maryland Country Clubs. He was forced to give up work over a year and a half ago because of illness.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Norma W. Marshall, teacher at School No. 140; two sons, Thurgood and Dr. William A. Marshall, both of New York City; three brothers, Cyrus, Roy and Thurgood; a sister, Mrs. Annabell Burns, and a grandson, William A. Jr.



**WOMAN WHOSE COOKING  
PLAYED PART IN HISTORY DIES**

BOSTON—Mrs. Mary E. Gibson, who taught a man to cook and thereby played a role in Negro history, died here last week. Mrs. Gibson taught the late Monroe Trotter, president of the famed Boston Equal Rights League, to cook, thus enabling him to qualify as a second cook on a French steamer bound for Paris where he presented the "Case of Colored Americans" before the Peace Conference after the first World War.



## Dr. S. D. Redmond, 90, Southern Leader Dies

Jackson, Miss.—Dr. S. D. Redmond, well-known leader, lawyer and physician died here in Baptist Hospital last week.

The 90-year-old doctor-lawyer served as chairman of the Mississippi Republican Executive Committee for the past 24 years and was reputedly the third largest income tax payer in Mississippi. He owned valuable real estate and was known to have been successful as a stock speculator.

Dr. Redmond was born in Holly Springs, Miss., and came to Jackson 60 years ago to practice medicine. In later years, he returned to his Alma Mater, the University of Illinois, to study law, feeling that the study of medicine was too taxing. He practiced law for 40 years.

After the outbreak of World War II, Dr. Redmond practiced both law and medicine until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Johnnie Redmond; two daughters, Mrs. Esther Redmond Lowe and Mrs. Ruth Redmond Hall; a son, Sydney Revels Redmond, a brother, A. M. Redmond; and a nephew, Perry W. Howard.



# Dr. Delaine, Noted Mississippi Civic And Fraternal Leader, Dies Unexpectedly At Greenville Home

GREENVILLE, Miss., Jan. 11.—Dr. Leonidas Delaine, widely known physician, civic, fraternity man of the financial campaign for and political leader, died at his home in Greenville, Miss., Sunday morning at 7:45 o'clock as a result of a heart attack. He had arisen, possibly to dress to go to his office; however, he returned to his bed and passed quietly, at his residence, 714½ Washington Avenue.

A former resident of Memphis, where he practiced his profession, Dr. Delaine was popularly known in the Bluff City. Even after establishing himself in Greenville, he maintained his Memphis business and social connections. He was one of the first directors of the recently established Tri-State Bank of Memphis, and was a frequently seen figure in Memphis social, civic, fraternal, and business circles.

Doctor Delaine was born in 1894 in Manning, South Carolina. He received his literary training at Kirtrell College, Kirtrell, N. C. He was a graduate of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, where he obtained his A.B. Degree. He took his pre-medical course at Western Reserve and his medical degree from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. He finished his internship at Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland under direction of the famous Dr. Crille. He served as a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Medical Corps during World War I.

A resume of his career as a leader in Mississippi was given in a telephone conversation to the Memphis World by his secretary Miss Beatrice W. Taylor, who disclosed that Dr. Delaine moved to Greenville from Mound Bayou, Miss., on April 18, 1933. He had been engaged in the practice of medicine in the All-Negro town of Mound Bayou. Upon moving to Greenville, he immediately took an active part in civic activities and frequently seen figure in Memphis. For many years he headed the Negro Division of the Greenville Red Cross. Infantile Paralysis

Committee, War Bond and USO Drives during World War II, and other civic projects. He was chairman of the financial campaign for the Miller Memorial Library and Community Center, which closed formally Wednesday night of last week, and which was named in honor of the late well-known Greenville leader, Dr. Miller.

Doctor Delaine also played a prominent part on a state-wide basis, in the Elks Lodge, Greenville and National Business League; Knights and Daughters of Tabor; the Mississippi Medical and Dental Society and the Republican Executive Committee for Mississippi.

Just before his death he had returned from Orangeburg, S. C., where he had spent the Christmas holidays with his daughter, Miss Helen Deleona DeLaine, now a junior student at St. Francis Academy, Baltimore, Md. She was visiting her aunt, the doctor's sister, in Orangeburg.

Funeral rites were planned for this afternoon (Friday, at 3:00 o'clock) from Miller's Memorial Library.

An accolade to the deceased doctor's memory was paid by a prominent Memphian, Lt. G. W. Lee, Monday night, with the statement: "Doctor Delaine was one of the most thorough and painstaking physicians in the Mid-South. He had a fine mind that was as clear as the waters of an English spring and touched many shores of human thought. He was one of the finest conversationalists that I ever knew—a man of great courage above all. He had the strength to perceive the truth, to embrace the truth and to execute the truth. I have lost a great friend. I feel that the Delta country has lost a great citizen—a man with high and lofty ideals, with the courage to prosecute them with the sagaciousness of an outstanding surgeon—there haven't been many men in the world like Dr. Delaine—and the world will be a long time in producing his like again."

Many prominent and widely-known Memphians are expected to join with notables from other states and sections in paying their respects to the deceased physi-

cian's memory at his funeral obsequies today.

1-16-48



# Officials Murn On Nurse's Death In Male Hospital

By NNPA News Service

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Neither Carl R. Gray, administrator of Veterans Affairs, nor Dr. Paul, chief medical director of the Veterans Administration, would comment last Monday on reports that a colored former army nurse died in the men's ward of the veterans hospital at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

The VA public relations officer, however, made public a telegram from the branch director of hospitals at St. Louis asserting that she had been treated no differently than other female patients. The telegram said:

"Miss Velma Mae Brown was in a hospital room with another patient, the same facilities provided by Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital for white female patients.

"Miss Brown was a bed patient and physically unable to use any toilet facilities other than a bed pan. A screen in the room between beds and the door obscured view of anyone passing by which is customary procedure in most hospitals.

"No male patient, regardless of dress, was permitted to enter rooms of these female patients."

Miss Brown was the sister of Edgar G. Brown, head of the National Negro Council.



# FATHER FLANAGAN IS DEAD IN BERLIN

29 Nebraska  
Founder of Boys Town in 1917

Stricken With Heart Attack

While Touring Germany

Visited Japan Last Year

Sat. 5-15-48

His Home in Nebraska Famed

for Democratic Teachings

—Saw No 'Bad Boys'

BERLIN, Saturday, May 15 (AP)—Msgr. E. J. Flanagan, founder of Boys Town in Nebraska, died early today of a heart attack, a spokesman for the Army Hospital here said.

The famed Nebraska priest, who would have been 62 years old on July 13, was taken suddenly ill here last night at Harnack House, an American Military Government residence. He was brought to the 279th Station Military Hospital. He had been on an inspection tour of German youth facilities at the invitation of the United States Army. He had made a similar tour in Japan last year.

Msgr. Flanagan had obtained international recognition with the spread of his credo: "There is no such thing as a bad boy."

## Started With Five Boys

A man of infinite capacity, moral courage and faith in God and youth, Msgr. Edward Joseph Flanagan, by his energy and persistence, founded and directed what is probably the world's most famous home for homeless boys, Father Flanagan's Boys Town Home at Boys Town, Neb., near Omaha. The home, where approximately 5,000 boys have been housed, taught and prepared for life in a period of twenty-five years, began humbly with two starving newsboys and three other lads charged with delinquency as its first inhabitants in 1917. *The Times*

The home grew and received more and more public acclaim until, in 1938, it became the subject of a successful \$1,000,000 motion picture, "Boys Town," starring Spencer Tracy as the priest and Mickey Rooney as the boy who was made into a fine man by Father Flanagan. By this time Boys Town was incorporated as a vil-

lage. In 1939, with a big new building program started, the home's capacity was increased to 500 boys. *New York N.Y.*

By 1939, too, the humble institution had grown into a thriving, 160-acre tract on which were dormitories, business offices, grade and high schools, farm buildings and a chapel. And many improvements were under way. The boys were governed by a mayor and six commissioners elected semi-annually from among themselves. The boys submitted themselves also to the findings of their own municipal court. *5-15-48*

## Based on Tolerance

Democracy is the keynote of the school. There are boys there of many races, religions and colors. Although the guiding star of the school was a Catholic priest he did not compel the non-Catholics to attend Catholic services. Non-Catholics were simply taught to believe in God and obey the moral laws.

Boys were taught languages, mathematics and other school subjects. Many entered colleges and became good students and, in after life, successful men. Some learned trades and others farming. As many as possible were placed in private homes, received jobs or otherwise assisted.

Msgr. Flanagan—he was universally known simply as Father Flanagan—was born in Roscommon, Ireland, on July 13, 1886, the son of John and Honora Larkin Flanagan. His father was a farmer. The future priest had eleven brothers and sisters. One of his elder brothers, a priest, was instrumental in persuading him to go to America in 1904. He previously had studied at Summerhill College, Sligo, Ireland, and from there he went to Mount St. Mary's College at Emmitsburg, Mo., where he was graduated in 1908 with an A. B. degree. *The Times*

Father Flanagan studied at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N. Y., 1906-07, and at the Gregorian University, Rome, 1907-08. His health weakened and he came back to America, living in Omaha and working, when able, at a packing company plant. He studied at the Innsbruck, Austria, Jesuit University, in 1909-12, and was ordained a priest at Innsbruck in 1912. Later he received LL. D. degrees from Mount St. Mary's College, St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kan., and Creighton University, Omaha. *New York*

## Worked With Older Men

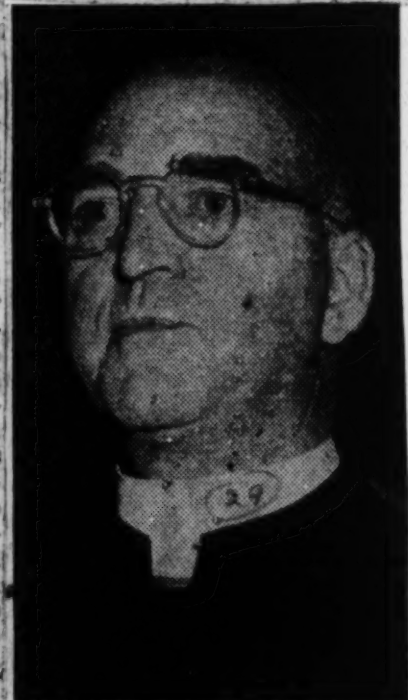
He was assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church in O'Neil, Neb., in 1912-13, and was assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church in

## Nebraska

Omaha, 1913-16. He started a Workingmen's Hotel in Omaha in 1914. His work with homeless, drink-sodden, crime-hardened men convinced him that the time to reach the best in men was when they were very young. *Sat.*

Many honors came to Msgr. Flanagan and Boys Town. He served for ten years as president of the Omaha Welfare Board, was elected Omaha's "First Citizen" by ed Omaha's "First Citizen" by Post No. 1, American Legion, Omaha, in 1930. In 1936 he was made a monsignor and two years later he received the humanitarian award of the Variety Clubs of America. When Spencer Tracy won the award of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for the best performance by an actor in 1938 in "Boys Town" he presented it to Msgr. Flanagan. In 1941 "Men of Boys Town," another film, was produced. *5-15-48*

Father Flanagan sailed for a three and a half-month visit to



MSGR. EDWARD J. FLANAGAN

*5-15-48* The New York Times

Austria, Germany and Italy on March 5. He had spoken out several times since his arrival in Europe for admission of the European displaced persons to this country. On April 12 he was received by Pope Pius XII at the Vatican.

In 1946 he visited his native Ireland and was greeted by a sister, Mrs. Jean Staunton of Ballynoe, County Roscommon. He was accompanied by the Rev. Patrick Flanagan, also of Nebraska, a brother. *Sat. 5-15-48*

The Boys Town choir toured the Eastern United States in the fall of 1946, and sang at Carnegie Hall on Nov. 6.



# Author Of Banned Book, 'Races Of Mankind,' Dies

NEW YORK — Dr. Ruth F. Benedict, professor of anthropology at Columbia University and one of the two authors of "The Races of Mankind" famous pamphlet arguing the equality of all races, died here Friday of a heart attack.

Dr. Benedict is best known for her authorship of the pamphlet which reached a circulation of over a half a million copies, arguing that all races of mankind were equally endowed and that equal opportunity would reach the level of their individual abilities.

The pamphlet prepared for a training course to be used in the U. S. army during the war, but was banned by order of former Rep. Andrew J. May, then chairman of the House military affairs committee, on grounds that it sought to undermine the army morale by attacking "white supremacy."

## Ruth Benedict Ripped Myths of Racists

By Peter Stone

DR. RUTH FULTON BENEDICT, America's foremost woman anthropologist, died last week at the age of 61. She was one of those who contributed most to the stronger alliance among the various branches of social sciences, anthropology, sociology and psychology. With her like the late Boas, she opened new frontiers by applying the findings of her science to the fundamental problems of our day.

A clearly worded resolution passed in December, 1938, by the American Anthropological Association, stated that the "prime requisites of science are the honest and unbiased search for truth and the freedom to proclaim such truth when discovered and known."

Every lecture and book that Dr. Benedict wrote was based on scientific truths and exposed the concepts of "superior races." Her classic work, "Race, Science and

Politics" (1940), presented a popular account of what scientists have learned about race; a merciless criticism of racism; and a brilliant analysis and refutation of the theories put forward by racial propagandists.

THIS GREAT WOMAN was convinced on the basis of her studies that the Declaration of Independence was correct in calling for the equality of all people despite their race, color or creed. Six of her ancestors had fought in the American Revolution for such a goal. Her great great-grandfather had to flee from Nova Scotia because he had proposed a toast to George Washington at a public banquet.

It troubled her that America had drawn a color line and discriminated against religious and foreign-language groups. She wanted to find out if the scientific record justified racial superiority on the basis of physical anthro-

New York  
polity, history, psychology and sociology.

Her studies were hammer-blows at the Hitlers and their imitators. She notes in her excellent pamphlet (written with Dr. Gene Weltfish) that "the best scientists cannot tell from examining a brain to what group of people its owner belonged."

A REAL political and social contribution came from Dr. Benedict's remarkable surgical operation on the diseased and festering sores of anti-Negro propaganda. She noted that the Japanese warlords tried to unite under their leadership the colored races of the world in a vindictive war against the whites.

This great anthropologist did not deny racial differences. But she told her audiences constantly that this had nothing to do with superior mental powers. Modern science had exposed the fallacy of blood differences, noting that there were only four main types—and these existed amongst all peoples. The famed bloodbank exists because blood plasma is used to restore any man of any color who has been wounded in battle, or in need of emergency treatment.

She reawakened interest in the fallacy about intelligence differences amongst "races." All scientific work in this field shows that it is educational opportunities, and not skin color that determines one's grade in intelligence tests.

DR. BENEDICT was not content to study the scientific opinions of others and translate them into popular language. She made constant field trips among the Pueblo, Mission, Apache and Blackfeet Indian tribes. Her written work includes "Patterns of Culture, Tales of the Cochiti Indians and Zuni Mythology." More recently her "Chrysanthemum and the Sword" was published as a result of her government assignment to make an anthropological study of Japan.

This tall, grey-haired, soft-spoken woman scientist will be missing from the ranks of fighting progressives. But she left us a real legacy. She has put into her debt all those who wish honestly to come to grips with racial prejudice, whether in Negro, Semitic, Nordic, Oriental or 100 percent American guise.

Dr. Benedict unearthed the scientific facts. It is up to us to explain them to the people.

## Broadway Jones Immaculata, Dies

By JAMES L. RICKS  
NEW YORK (NNPA)—"Broadway" Jones, the colorful stage character who dropped dead enroute from an engagement in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, was really named Henry Jones and was a native of Florida. He earned the nickname "Broadway" because of his refusal to wear anything but the latest clothes worn on the "Street." His immaculate dress caused the folks along the Great White Way to comment that "he'd rather have a suit than a sandwich."

John Levy's Club Ebony on Broadway has folded and will reopen under the management of Danny Kaye owner of the Three Duces. Kaye will name it the "Robin's Nest" after the disc jockey Fred Robins. Joe Louis, the champ, is rapidly growing bald. The other day Joe was asked how long it takes him to get rid of a blackeye such as the nifty "shiner" he is sporting as a result of a recent exhibition bout. Said the laconic Louis: "I don't know. I've never had many of 'em."

Joseph Smythe, the white husband of milliner Mabel Sanford Lewis Smythe, gave her a television set recently. Her marriage gift was a Cadillac. Smythe is the former of Broadway playboy writer who married Anastine Haines of Akron, Ohio, when she took Broadway by storm. Louis Waldman, the attorney for author Zora Neale Hurston in that sodomy case, says a story sent out by a news syndicate saying a little girl was mixed up in the case is entirely wrong.

A SECRETARY of Josephine Baker, the entertainer, call her "Tup-tup".... A white New York Congressman will soon appoint a colored man as his secretary.... Colonel Arthur P. Hayes, who was so hard as a major on second lieutenants in the 332nd Fighter Group, is just as tough on his second lieutenants in the military police battalion of the National Guard, which he now commands in Brooklyn. Said one of his junior officers: "It takes ten out Colonel Hayes."

The cast of "Set My People Free," which is surprising folks by clicking on Broadway turned out en masse November 21 when the Negro Actors Guild threw a party in

honor of Adelaide Hall at the Club Sudan.... Billy Butler, editor of Travelguide, is a regular walking encyclopedia on folks in the theater.... Carl Holland has resigned as night manager of the Theresa Bar to become a Welfare Department investigator. The new dietician at the Theresa is Adele Halsey who held the same job at Sydenham Hospital.

Harlemites don't like to admit it, but West Indians or persons of West Indian extraction control virtually all of the influential positions which colored people hold in the Big Town. Jewish people control that which the West Indians don't control.

### BACK FROM EUROPE

Barbara Watson, daughter of Judge James Watson, is back from Europe where she was guest of the Danish Government. Danish delegates to the UN threw a luncheon for Barbara in the UN delegates restaurant at the Pallas De Chailot in Paris, and Ralph Bunche, the acting UN mediator for Palestine, who was in the place at the time, came over to introduce himself. Barbara also bumped into Anne Brown's sister (Mrs. Andre Wheatley) in Copenhagen and had a tete a tete with Samuel Allen formerly of the DA's office in Big Town who is studying in Paris at the Alliance Francaise.

Gloria Dumas of Yeardon, Pennsylvania (just out of Philly), Louis Person of Newark and Margaret Steadwell of Greenwich, Connecticut, came to New York three times to attend a models' school. Bill Hudson, the pop singer, was at his party celebrating the granting of a charter to the Carter Federal Savings and Loan Company. The charter is the fourth one granted to colored men by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

This writer has been shown a list of colored men whom English gals of have notified the World Children's Foundation are the fathers of their British-born babies. Some of the guys are already married and well known in the USA!

Ziggy Johnson, who is responsible for the Ebony Club staying open as long as it did, will migrate to the Beige Room in Chicago.... The Waldorf Astoria management denies that it denied entrance to a party of colored marines during the Ma-

quite accidentally last Thursday that the well known Huey had passed suddenly. And without ostentation his widow carefully carried out Dick's oft-discussed plans—a cremation with no pomp or panoply. Richly deserving every tribute that could be paid him, Huey lived quietly above his famous Aunt Dinah's Kitchen next door to the Harlem Branch UMCA. If there ever was a Harlem fix-

Death of Huey, Noted Actor  
Revives Stories of His Past

There's anniversary celebration held here last week. One thing is certain: A large group of colored men had a ball at the celebration at the Hotel Astor. When Ray Sprigle and Hoddling Carter, the newsmen, discussed the Negro question at Town Hall the audience was about 99.44 per cent white.



ture, Huey was one. Ponderously heavy, although years ago when he first attracted attention he was a mere slip of a lad. Huey romped through play after play just as he romped through life.

"In Abraham's Bosom" was one of his first works—and he hit the stage just at the time the colored actor was being "discovered" by Broadway. He reveled in the land of make-believe and pulled himself up by his own bootstraps.

#### Attended Hampton

Little is known of Huey's origin—but he attended Hampton Institute at one time. But everybody knew Dick from "Three Men On a Horse," "Porgy" and other Broadway hits, the last one in which he appeared, "Bloomer Girl," he stole the show with "I Got A Song."

"L'il ole me," as he called himself in the song, was a student of human nature and the theater. He stopped all arguments with his favorite expression, "Everybody in Harlem has a racket, fellows—you got yours and I got mine—yours may be a little more high class, but it's a racket just the same."

## Dr. William Porter Norcom Buried With Simple Rites

By CHARLES T. MAGILL  
BROOKLYN, N. Y. — With the passing of Dr. William Porter Norcom here on Wednesday, Jan. 21, the career of a man of the Virginia, a medical educator, the late Dr. Norcom of Portsmouth, Va., came to the end.

Ill for several months, Dr. Norcom long ago wrote out to the last details, the manner in which he wished his funeral conducted, a simple one just as he lived. And, although he had risen to heights

A few words by the acting pastor of Concord, the Rev. Jerome D. Harris, and by an old personal friend from childhood days back in Portsmouth, the Rev. James A. Manning; two selections by the choir; his request, Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" played on the piano by William Lawrence; benediction by the battalion chaplain, the Rev. George W. Thomas, and the sounding of "Taps," by the battalion bandmaster, M/Sgt. James E. Saltus, comprised the simple ceremonies, simple as he wished, but beautiful over-all.

#### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral arrangements, again as he directed, were in charge of Arthur L. Funn, another warm personal friend during life, and director of the A. Q. Martin Funeral Establishment, and were carried out by Mr. Funn. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery.

Dr. Norcom is survived by a widow, Mrs. Rebecca deGraffenreid Norcom; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Traylor; a grandson, William James; a son-in-law, Norman Traylor and a brother, James G. Norcom of Portsmouth, Va., and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Born in Portsmouth in August, 1885, the son of Israel and Mamie Elliott Norcom, he studied at Hampton Institute, the medical schools of Howard University and Michigan University and the medical college of Yale University, graduating from the latter in the class of 1911.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Kings County Medical, the Provident Clinical and the New York Medical Associations and a charter member of Theta chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.



DR. W. P. NORCOM

in the fraternal world, his wishes were carried out to the letter.

#### NO FRATERNAL RITES

33rd degree Mason of the Prince Hall Affiliation, a past grand master of the Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Connecticut, the state in which he practiced medicine before coming to Brooklyn in 1927; the examining physician of Brooklyn Lodge No. 32, IBPOEW, the Mother Elk Lodge of the East, and a member of several other fraternal organizations, his wish was that there be no fraternal rites over his remains, and there were none.

The funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon, Jan. 24 in Concord Baptist Church, and on one of this severe winter's worst days, the church was filled to capacity with people and fraternal associates who came to pay their respects to a beloved departed friend and brother.

#### INFANTRY BATTALION

Among them was a detachment of officers from the Third Separate Infantry Battalion, New York Guard, a military organization the deceased helped to form in Brooklyn and in which he held a commission as captain of the medical detachment during the entire five years of the battalion's existence. He was also an officer, previously to coming to New York, in the Connecticut National Guard.



# NAACP EXPRESSES SHOCK AT DEATH OF WILL IRWIN

2/27/48

*Press Service of the NAACP New York, N.Y.*

New York, N. Y., Feb. 25--The following telegram was sent to the widow of Will Irwin today, expressing the regret of Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, at the death of the noted author: "Have just learned with great shock and sorrow of Will's death. Please accept my most sincere sympathy. He was a great human being and we shall be eternally grateful for the magnificent job he and you did in stirring America to the horrors of mob violence through the Writers League Against Lynching."

*Mr. 2-27-48*

Will Irwin, an active member of the Writers League, which was formed in 1933 to protest the current wave of lynching, used his pen to awaken Americans to the necessity of putting a stop to lynching. The present favorable climate of opinion toward anti-lynching legislation is largely due to efforts which Will Irwin and other members of the Writers League Against Lynching put forth.

CLAUDE MCKAY, Negro author and poet, died Saturday morning in a Chicago hospital after an illness of several years, friends here learned yesterday. He was 58 years old. The idea of creating a memorial stamp. The idea achieved widespread popularity.



**CLAUDE MCKAY, 58,  
AUTHOR AND POET**

*Mr. 2-24-48*  
Negro Novelist Who Met Lenin and Trotsky in Russia Dies

Mr. McKay came to this country in 1912 from Sunny Ville, Jamaica, his birthplace, and studied at Tuskegee Institute and Kansas State College. While working as a Pullman porter, dock-hand and fireman, he traveled about the United States, gathering material and writing.

A friend of Max Eastman and A. Philip Randolph, he worked in New York on The Liberator and in London on The Dreadnought, with Sylvia Pankhurst. In the early days of the Russian revolution, he met Nikolai Lenin and Leon Trotsky in Moscow. In 1922 Mr. McKay addressed the Third Internationale, as a representative of the American Workers party. In his speech, he asserted that the Negroes of the United States were denied the right of free assembly and were often lynched, with the intention of turning the worker's mind from class war to race war. Mr. McKay remained in the Soviet Union in 1923 to write a book for American Negroes on the Russian revolution.

During the middle and late Twenties, he lived in Paris, Berlin, the south of France and Morocco. His most popular novel, "Home to Harlem," was published in 1928 and achieved immediate success. John R. Chamberlain in THE NEW

YORK TIMES Book Review, praised the book and said of it: "If there is a moral or a point to this novel, it is that the Negro is happiest when he makes no attempt to assimilate an alien white culture."

In 1929, the William A. Harmon Foundation honored Mr. McKay with a gold medal and \$400 for his book of poems, "Harlem Shadows," because they "voice in tragic force many of the deeper feelings of the modern Negro," and for his "Home to Harlem."

"Banana Bottom," a story of Jamaica in the early Nineteen Hundreds, appeared in 1933 and four years later came his autobiography, "A Long Way From Home." His last book, "Harlem: Negro Metropolis," was published in 1940. Other volumes of his poems were "Songs of Jamaica," 1911; "Constab Ballads," 1912, and "Spring in New Hampshire," 1920. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Hope McKay Virtue, a student at Columbia University; a sister, Rachel, and four brothers, Utho, Hubert, Nathaniel and Thomas, all of Jamaica.

**Ex-N.Y. Alderman,  
Geo. Harris, Dies**

*Mr. 2-24-48*  
NEW YORK—George W. Harris, 66, noted civic leader, politician and journalist, first of his race to serve on the Board of Aldermen, and founder of the former "New York News," daily newspaper, died Saturday morning at Harlem Hospital.

A native of Topeka, Kan., he worked on a cattle ranch as a youth to earn money to study at Harvard College from which he graduated in 1907, and later attended Harvard Law School for two years.

**Won Election Suits**  
He left the school to take up journalism here at the suggestion of Booker T. Washington. He founded his own newspaper after three years as editor of "The Amsterdam News," a daily newspaper. He was first elected as Republican Alderman in 1919 from the Harlem District, and was re-elected in 1921. When the Democratic Board gave his seat to a Democrat, John W. Smith, also colored, the Appellate Division ruled that he was elected by 112 votes. He won a \$1649 judgment for salary from Mr. Smith.

**MRS. SCHIEFFELIN  
DIES IN HOME AT 77**

*Mr. 2-24-48*  
Wife of Drug Firm Executive,  
Descendant of Commodore  
Vanderbilt, Aided Y.W.C.A.

Mrs. Maria Louisa Shepard Schieffelin, a leader in the Women's Christian Association and other groups and the wife of Col. William Jay Schieffelin, died yesterday of a cerebral hemorrhage in her home at 620 Park Avenue after a long illness. She would have been 78 years old today. Her husband is former board chairman of the wholesale drug firm of Schieffelin & Co., chairman emeritus of the Citizens Union and a philanthropist.

Mrs. Schieffelin was a great-granddaughter of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt and a granddaughter of William H. Vanderbilt. Born in this city, she was a daughter of the late Col. Elliott Fitch Shepard, owner and editor of The

New York Mail and Express, and the late Mrs. Margaret Louisa Vanderbilt Shepard.

She attended private schools here and was married on Feb. 5, 1891 to Colonel Schieffelin, a great-great-grandson of John Jay, first Chief Justice of the United States. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1941 with a family party.

Mr. Schieffelin's mother was the donor in 1891 of the Margaret Louisa at 14 East Sixteenth Street, first residence for girls of the Y. W. C. A. in the city. Named for Mrs. Shepard, the residence functioned for the Y. W. C. A. until this summer, when it was sold.

**Chairman of Residence**

The daughter gave much to its upkeep, was its chairman for many years and was hostess at a party held there on Nov. 1, 1945, imitating the reception held when it was formally opened on Jan. 19, 1891. Mrs. Schieffelin was an honorary member of the board of directors of the City Y. W. C. A., and formerly, for many years, a director.

She took a leading part in affairs of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, and also had been active in the village Methodist chapel at Ashville, Me., where she and her husband had maintained a home since 1910. The Schieffelin town home has been at 620 Park Avenue since 1924. For many years before that it was at 5 East Sixty-sixth Street and earlier at 35 West Fifty-seventh Street.

In the recent war Mrs. Schieffelin took part in a drive of the women's division of the American Committee for Christian German Refugees in 1939, was honorary chairman in 1940 of the executive committee of Friendship House, a center for refugees at 1010 Park Avenue, and was active in the American Friends of Czechoslovakia. She participated also in a movement in 1941 to aid the British by promoting the buying of British goods.

**Aided Physically Handicapped**

Mrs. Schieffelin served in 1945 as an honorary chairman of a campaign committee of the Protestant Council of the City of New York. She had taken part in activities of the New York City League of Women Voters, and another of her interests was the assistance of physically handicapped children.

In 1944 Mrs. Schieffelin, although a Republican, was one of thirty-eight prominent women who wrote an open letter to women voters urging the re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt on the basis of his foreign policy. Besides her husband, she leaves

MRS. W. J. SCHIEFFELIN

three daughters, Mrs. Frederick Avenue Presbyterian Church at Osborn and Mrs. Charles S. Brown Seventy-third Street. Burial will be in the family plot at the Moravian Cemetery, New Dorp, S. I.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Shepard Fabbri and Mrs. Dave H. Morris of New York; twenty-five grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at 2 p. m. on Saturday in the Madison



# Communist who married rich white girl dies

*NY Times 8-28-48*  
NEW YORK — Death came here last week to Herbert Newton, one of the first of the Negro Communists, who shocked the nation in the 30's with his marriage to the daughter of a Michigan banker.

Newton, who was only 44, was teaching radio engineering at the City College of New York when he died. The position represented a shelter after a series of misfortunes.

A Communist since 1926, Newton was married for more than 8 years to the daughter of John G. Emery, white Grand Rapids banker, in 1921 the national commander of the American Legion.

When the news of the Negro Communist's marriage to the wealthy girl leaked out, it caused a nationwide sensation. The former Jane Emery, Mrs Newton said there was nothing unusual about it since she was the granddaughter of a Civil War veteran who had fought for Negro freedom. The couple had four children. They later divorced.

Boston-born, Newton was graduated with honors in engineering from Northeastern university. Embittered by color barriers in his profession, he became a professional Communist, editing The Liberator, a radical weekly; organizing labor, with the International Labor Defense; leading Chicago's Unemployed Councils during the depression.

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He went south in 1931 and was one of the "Atlanta Famous Six" who served six months in Fulton Towers on charges of violating the Georgia Insurrection laws.



## Raleigh Mourns

### Dr. James E. Holt

RALEIGH, N.C.—The Rev. Dr. James E. Holt, 61, presiding elder of the Raleigh district of the A.M.E. Church, died Apr. 2, following a brief illness. His funeral was held Tuesday from St. Paul's Church with the Rev. J. D. Cowan, pastor of Orange County, N.C., officiating. Dr. Holt lived most of his life in Raleigh. He began teaching and preaching at the age of 20 and built churches in Raleigh and Asheville. He received an M.A. from Kittrell College in 1942.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary B. Holt; a daughter, Mrs. Augusta Gray; four brothers, four sisters and a grandchild.

### Dr. W. E. Partee

### Succumbs At 87

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Dr. William Eugene Partee, 87, retired Presbyterian minister and for 20 years professor of systematic theology and church history at Johnson C. Smith university's theological seminary, died at his home, 112 S. Davidson St., August 12, after an illness of several months.

Born at Concord, N. D., December 19, 1860, Dr. Partee grew up as a protégé of Dr. Luke Dorland, first president of Scotia (now Barber-Scotia) seminary. He was graduated from the liberal arts college of Biddle (now Johnson C. Smith university) with an A. B. degree in 1881 and from the theological seminary of the same school in 1883. He later was awarded his D. D. degree.

Dr. Partee began his ministerial career at Concord, and subsequently was pastor at Gainesville, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla. and Richmond and Lynchburg, Va.

#### Headed Public Schools

At Gainesville and Jacksonville he was also public school principal. From 1912 to 1932 he was on the staff of his alma mater.

Funeral rites were held at the Seventh Street Presbyterian church here with Dr. J. W. Smith, pastor and pupil of Dr. Partee's second theological class, presiding. Speaking in appreciation of Dr. Partee's life and achievements were Dr. L. B. West, Dr. Henry L. McCrorey, president emeritus of Smith university; Dr. A. A. Hecker, of British Guiana, an early student of Dr. Partee.

Also participating in the service were Dr. Arthur H. George, dean of the university; Dr. George E. Davis, retired educator and lifelong friend of Dr. Partee; Dr. Hercules Wilson,

pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Concord, N. C.; Dr. Charles H. Shute, dean emeritus of Smith's theological seminary.

#### Ex-Students Are Pallbearers

Active pallbearers were former students. They were the Reverends M. S. Belton, P. E. Davis, E. L. Henderson, C. H. Kennedy, C. P. Pitschford and L. B. Washington. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Catawba Presbytery. Survivors include a daughter, Fannie H. Partee, teacher at the Fairview school here; three sons, Dr. William E. Partee, Norfolk, Va.; Dr. Harold S. Partee, of Chicago; Marion D. Partee of Atlanta, Ga.; a stepson, Dr. Ernest B. Wetmore, of Morristown, N. J., and a niece and several nephews.

## Former President Of Bennett Buried

GREENSBORO, N.C.—Impressive final rites for the Rev. Silas Abraham Peeler, 84, retired minister and former president of Bennett College, were held here Monday, Dec. 8, at St. Matthew Methodist Church where he was pastor for many years.

The Rev. Mr. Peeler died at his home here, Dec. 3, after an illness of several months.

Brief remarks were made by Dean J. C. McLaughlin of A. and T. College, the Rev. J. E. Brower, superintendent of the Greensboro District; the Rev. R. W. Winchester and Bishop R. E. Goins of New Orleans, La., retired Methodist Bishop.

Others taking part in the service were the Rev. J. W. Tynes, pastor of the Providence Baptist Church; the Rev. W. E. Hairston, pastor of the High Street Methodist Church; the Rev. D. C. Skeen, the Rev. G. M. Phelps, pastor of the church who presided; the church choir and Mrs. C. C. Stewart, organist.

#### PALL BEARERS

Pall bearers were ministers of the North Carolina Conference. Flower bearers were officers of the student council and daughters of former students of Bennett College and members of the local Ministers' Wives Club.

The Rev. Mr. Peeler was president of Bennett College from 1905 to 1913 and has served as a trustee of the institution for the past fifteen years.

A native of Cleveland County, he began his fifty-year ministry in Macon, Ga. He returned to North Carolina and during his early years here instigated the building of St. Matthews Methodist Church. Other pastorates in the State were at High Point, Raleigh and Asheville. Surviving in addition to his widow Mrs. Constance Peeler, are three

sons, A. H. of Greensboro, W. S. of New York City, and F. M. of Buffalo, N. Y.; and three daughters, Mrs. R. P. Stevens of Greensboro, Mrs. C. P. Baker of West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va., and Mrs. H. P. Stone of Savannah, Ga.

Interment was in Chapel Hill Cemetery.





Dr. Turpin died in Hubbard Hospital March 26, following a cerebral hemorrhage. A native of Piney Point, Tex., he graduated from Meharry in 1918 and from Tennessee State in 1938. He completed the Tennessee State Post-graduate course in children's dentistry in 1939.

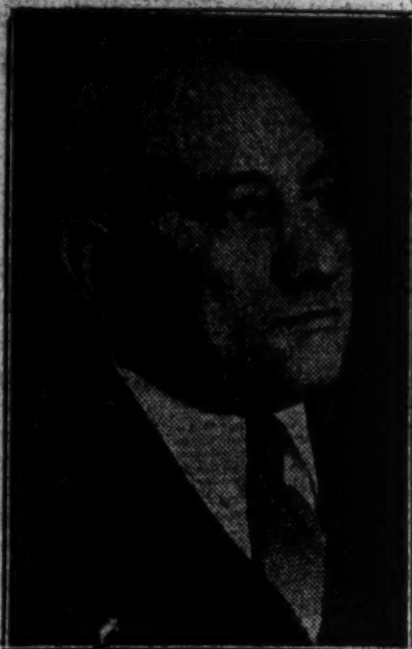
From 1918 to 1920 he was chief demonstrator at Meharry and assistant professor of operative dentistry from 1926-1928. He became staff dentist at Hubbard Hospital in 1920, and professor of prosthetic dentistry at Meharry in 1928.

#### Practiced Here 30 Years

Dr. Turpin was dean of the Dental School for 12 years, and became dean emeritus in 1947. Aside from his activities at Meharry, he had practiced dentistry here for 30 years. He also served as college dentist at Tennessee State.

A past master of Prince Hall Lodge, he was a member of the J. A. Henry Consistory of 32nd Degree Masons, and a Shriner. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Alta M. W. Turpin; and three sisters, Mrs. Inez Hogrrooks of Houston, Tex.; Mrs. Ruby Taylor of New York and Mrs. Mildred Keyes of Newark, N.J.

#### Dr. Turpin Dies



Dr. Donley H. Turpin, Nashville, Tenn., for many years dean of Meharry Dental College and past president of the National Dental Association, passed away in his home in Nashville, Tenn., Friday.

Dr. Turpin was a graduate of Meharry in the class of 1918 and served continuously on the Meharry faculty in departments of operative dentistry and prosthetic dentistry. He was also a dental

consultant at Hubbard hospital in Nashville.

During his years in the National Dental Association he served several terms as a member of the executive board before he became president.

Dr. Turpin leaves behind a beloved wife and many friends.

#### Eminent Fisk Trustee Dies

NASHVILLE -- Fisk university officials last week disclosed the death of Dr. William Nelson DeBerry, 77, a native of Nashville, trustee, and a long time of the school. He died in Springfield, Mass.

#### Final Tribute Paid Dr. Turpin

NASHVILLE -- Thousands of persons paid final tribute to Dr. Donley H. Turpin, 55, dean emeritus of the Meharry Dental School, and past president of the National Dental Association, during funeral services conducted at First Baptist Church, March 30.

The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. H. L. E. Wilkins, while remarks were made by:

Dr. W. S. Davis, president of Meharry; Dr. W. S. Davis, president of A. and I. State; Dr. W. J. Faulkner, of the Angora Assembly; the Rev. S. L. McDowell of Sylvan St. Baptist Church; the Rev. Ralph W. Riley of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, and representatives of the National Dental Association.

Cerebral Hemorrhage



## Negro interpreter of Chinese, dies

SAN ANTONIO—A native Texan, who was self-educated, and whose mastery of languages enabled him to be a court interpreter, died here last week, just three years short of his 100th birthday.

This remarkable man was Charles Calvin Mason, 97, a native of Bexar county and a former cattleman.

Mason served as court interpreter in his younger days and among the languages he was proficient in was Chinese. A lifelong Catholic, he was buried from St. Peter Claver Catholic church in which he had been active for 40 years.

## Lloyd Isaacs Is Black Drowning Victim

HOUSTON—(A.N.P.)—Funeral services for Lloyd Isaacs, business manager of Texas State university, were held last week at St. Luke's Episcopal church, Dr. R. O'Halloran, president of the university, presiding.

Isaacs, 46, was drowned Sunday morning, Aug. 8, while out on a boating and swimming party. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clarice Isaacs, to whom he had been married 22 years and his father, R. L. Isaacs and several brothers.

Before coming to Texas State when it opened in 1947, Isaacs had worked as a business agent at Tuskegee institute and at the Watchtower Insurance company in Houston.

## Rev. Karl Downs Dies in Texas

AUSTIN, Tex.—After undergoing an operation for a kidney ailment, the Rev. Karl E. Downs, 35, president of Sam Houston College died here Thursday.

The Rev. Mr. Downs is the husband of the former Miss Marian C. Jackson, Baltimore teacher, whom he married nine years ago. They have an eight-year-old daughter, Karleen.

The deceased college president

was a son of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Downs. He was born near Austin, and graduated from Sam Houston College, where he has been principal since 1943.

### Excellent Administrator

He studied theology at Gammon Theological Seminary and Boston University, after which he did field work for the Foreign Mission Board of the Methodist Church.

Later he was called to Scott Methodist Church in Pasadena, serving six years, during which time he liquidated a \$27,000 debt.

At Houston the Rev. Mr. Downs aided in getting five new buildings erected on the campus, including a music building, gymnasium, and a combination dining hall and staff cottage.

### Fought Segregation

With the college board, he refused to let Texas develop a colored graduate school at Houston; and he aroused State-wide interest with his interracial college student programs.

The Rev. Mr. Downs was the author of the book, "Meet the Negro." He traveled for a time with the great evangelist, E. Stanley Jones, missionary to India.

He had recently been elected by the West Texas Annual Conference as a representative to the General Conference of the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church which convenes in Boston next May.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed up to press time.

## Pay Final Tribute To Youthful College Prexy

AUSTIN, Tex.—More than a thousand persons of all races, representing 12 states, crowded Wesley Chapel Methodist church last Tuesday and hundreds stood outside to pay tribute to Dr. Karl E. Downs, president of Samuel Huston college, who died suddenly February 26 following an emergency operation at Brackenridge hospital here. Dr. Downs was only 35 years old and was in his sixth term as president of the college.

Bishops, educators and leading layment of many denominations flocked to the city for the final rites. Schools were dismissed and businesses along the route of the funeral cortege were closed in respect for the youngest president in the system of colleges operated by the board of education of the Methodist Church.

Bishop R. N. Brooks of the New Orleans area of the Methodist

dism, colored or white, was doing more than he was for the cause of Christian brotherhood."

College alumni launched a move for a memorial building in Dr. Downs' honor and the first contributor was Mayor Tom Miller of Austin.

Dr. Downs was a member of many learned societies, including the National Association of College Presidents. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Author of many articles, his most outstanding work was a book "Meet the Negro" a presentation of the lives of outstanding colored Americans, a volume which achieved world circulation.

His survivors include his wife, the former Marion Carol Jackson of Baltimore, their 8-year-old daughter, Karleen May Downs; his mother, Mrs. Loretta Hollis Downs, six sisters and two brothers.

church officiated the impressive rites.

Special tributes were paid to Dr. Downs by Dr. M. S. Savage, board of education, Methodist church; Rev. R. S. Mosby, chairman of the board of education of the West Texas Conference; Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, chairman, board of trustees, Samuel Huston College; Dr. William J. Jones, president of Tillotson College; J. Wesley Hole, treasurer, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference; and the Rev. Robert Hill, pastor of Scott Methodist church, Pasadena, Calif., of which Dr. Downs was pastor before he took over the leadership of Huston College.

### Cites Dr. Downs' Work

Bishop A. Frank Smith, resident bishop of the Houston area of the Methodist church, in an expression of sympathy to Mrs. Downs, declared: "His loss to the church is incalculable. No man in Metho-



## Prominent Virginia Educator Dies

# Mrs. Janie Barrett

## Is Given Last Rites

HAMPTON, Va.—Funeral services for Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, distinguished Virginia educational leader who died Friday, Aug. 28, in Dixie Hospital after a brief illness, were held at Bethel AME Church here Monday afternoon, Aug. 30. The Rev. J. A. Smith led the services.

The burial took place in the Elmerton cemetery, on King street. Pallbearers included Fred Davis, Edward Robinson, Paul Williams, and Frank Wyche, all of Hampton; and Major W. R. Brown, Gideon L. Smith, Lorenzo C. White, and Charles E. Williams, all of Hampton Institute.

### AWARD WINNER

Mrs. Barrett, who in 1915 led the State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs to found the Virginia Industrial School for Girls at Peake in Hanover county and who was its superintendent from 1915 to 1940, won a Harmon Foundation Award in 1929 for "inspiration and achievement in education."

A graduate of Hampton Institute, Mrs. Barrett was founder and head worker of the Locust Street Social Settlement in Hampton—a work which brought early recognition of her worth as a community leader and led directly to her election in 1913 as president of the State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs.

### OTHER EXPERIENCES

She also served on the executive boards of the Southern and the Virginia Commissions on Interracial Relations, the Negro Organization Society of Virginia, and the Eastern Star.

She was the widow of the late Harris Barrett, another Hampton graduate, a principal founder and the first secretary of the Peoples Building and Loan Association of Hampton, and cashier of Hampton Institute.

Mrs. Barrett is survived by two daughters, Miss J. Louise Barrett, Registrar of Virginia State College, and Mrs. Catherine Barrett Cook, teacher in Roosevelt High School, of Gary, Indiana.



MRS. JANIE P. BARRETT  
Mourned



Funeral services were held in Hampton, Va., recently for the late Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, 1929 Harmon award winner and founder and former superintendent of the Virginia Industrial School for Girls. A graduate of Hampton Institute, Mrs. Barrett was known for her activities in education and social and civic work in Virginia.

# William H. Thorogood, Churchman

## Former Political Leader, Buried

NORFOLK—Funeral rites were held at St. John's AME Church Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1, for William H. Thorogood, 90-year-old bachelor, for a half century a nationally-known AME lay church leader, with the Rev. H. M. Shields, pastor, delivering the eulogy.

Mr. Thorogood, a retired employee of the United States Customs Service, who resided at 321 East Brambleton avenue, died at a local hospital Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 2:45 p. m. He had been ill for the last six weeks.

He was a native of Norfolk, the son of the late Richard and Mrs. Ellen Thorogood.

### BORN IN SLAVERY

Born during slavery, 1859, the year of John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, Va., when the clouds of the Civil War were gathering menacingly over these United States, Mr. Thorogood came to manhood during the Reconstruction Era.

Living through the period without the benefit of a formal education, he arose to be one of the most prominent and influential citizens in this city, remaining in the spotlight of local church and civic affairs for about 40 years, until prompted by his advancing age and the changing times, he quietly passed into comparative seclusion nearly 20 years ago.

Mr. Thorogood, once this city's top churchman, fraternal man and politician, died little known by the generation coming on the scene during the past quarter of a century.

### RETIREES FROM SERVICE

After 38 years of continuous service he was retired as custodian at the old U. S. Customs House on Main street, at the head of Granby. His first appointment to the Customs Service on March 26, 1890 was under the administration of President Benjamin Harrison, and doubtless came as a reward by the Republican Party of which he was a strong supporter. For over 60 years Mr. Thorogood was a leader in the affairs of his party and on different occasions served as a delegate to the National Republican Convention.

At the time of his retirement from the Customs Service, he also was retired from duties he had been performing at the Norfolk

Navy Yard for a long period of time.

### A PHILOSOPHER

The nonagenarian, during the late years of his most active life, had become regarded somewhat as a philosopher. Always possessed of an abundance of what is known as mother-wit and keen perspective, his counsel had been much sought on many affairs, especially during the evening of his career.

### CHURCHMAN FOR 60 YEARS

For 60 years he had been an energetic member of St. John's Church, having joined under the pastorate of the late Rev. A. L. Gaines, who later became bishop. During his day of greater activity he served as a delegate to many church conferences. As a trustee of his church, for many years he held an unchallenged position, and into the record of that historic edifice, much of his life has been interwoven.

Prior to the advent of the United States Civil Service system, "Bill" Thorogood, as he was familiarly known, through the power wielded as a Republican stalwart, influenced the appointment of many Negro carriers in the local Post Office as well as teachers in the public schools.

His community interest is seen in the fact that it was he who many years ago petitioned the school board to declare May 30th a holiday for the schools, and the school children at present enjoy this holiday largely because of his action. Also, aware of the educational needs of the colored children here, he was largely instrumental in having the John Smythe School on Brambleton avenue transferred from white to the use of Negro pupils.

His hobby was the growing of flowers, and following retirement he spent the major portion of his time as an amateur horticulturist. The front yard of his home was always beautified by the growth of variegated flowers.

Mr. Thorogood is survived by two brothers, W. P. Thorogood of Norfolk, and John Thorogood of Bridgeton, N. J.; two nephews, Frederick J. Thorogood, attorney of New York, and Richard Brooks of Portsmouth; two nieces, Mrs. Ethel Stewart and Mrs. Ellen Tucker, both of Richmond.

Interment was in West Point cemetery with Cannon Funeral

Home of Portsmouth in charge of burial arrangements.

# Bishop Russell

## Dies; Funeral

## Rites Thursday

Staff Correspondence

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—Bishop Charles L. Russell, of Washington, D. C., died here at a local hospital on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 9 a. m.

Bishop and Mrs. Russell had been visiting Mrs. Russell's sister, Mrs. Pearl Banks, 757 26th street, for the past three weeks. He had been a patient at

DR. RUSSELL the hospital for the past 10 days.

The deceased prelate was bishop of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., and presided over the eastern area which embraces Maryland, Washington, D. C., Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. He had been bishop for 10 years and was the 21st bishop of the CME Church. The bishop was a Hebrew scholar having been the first of his race to write a Hebrew book titled "Light Talmud." He received his doctorate from a Hebrew College in Philadelphia.



# Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett

FEW persons in any generation have been privileged to live a more extraordinarily useful life than did Mrs. JANIE PORTER BARRETT, the distinguished church woman, educator, and civic leader, whose passing in Hampton, Virginia, is mourned literally by thousands of persons whose lives were influenced in one way or another by her sparkling personality.

Best known perhaps as founder of the Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and the Virginia Industrial School for Girls at Peake's Turnout, Virginia, Mrs. BARRETT's seemingly unbounded energies were



nevertheless projected into numerous other fields, and her warm influence spread over a wide area of constructive social service.

To many less hardy souls the founding of the Virginia Industrial School in 1915 might have been regarded as the climax to a brilliant career, but to Mrs. BARRETT it only provided the incentive for many more years of constructive effort for her people and the nation as a whole. She served as superintendent of the school from 1915 to 1940, and as a result of her outstanding work she was honored with the annual award of the Harmon Foundation in 1929 for "inspiration and achievement in education."

A graduate of Hampton Institute, Mrs. BARRETT was noted for her organizational ability and was founder and head worker of the Locust Street Social Settlement in Hampton. It was largely because of her services in this post that early recognition was accorded her subsequently led directly to her election in 1913 as president of the Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

An active church worker in Hampton for many years, Mrs. BARRETT also served on the executive boards of the Southern and Virginia Commissions on Interracial Relations, the Negro Organization Society of Virginia, and the United Order of Eastern Star.

For a life of such extraordinary usefulness to come to an end, in one sense, is tragic indeed. But in the broader concept it is well to remember too, that the inspiration which stems from such a shining example of useful living will live throughout the ages.

In the normal course of events, Mrs. BARRETT will be succeeded in the noble task to which she dedicated her life, and younger hands are even now carrying her mantle. We use the term "succeeded" advisedly. She will be succeeded, for it will be difficult indeed to replace her.

## CME Bishop Dies In Newport News

WASHINGTON—Funeral rites for Bishop C. L. Russell of the CME Church, who died at Riverside Hospital, Newport News, Va., early Sunday morning, were scheduled to be held there Thursday at noon. He was made a bishop at Hot Springs, Ark., in 1933.

## Noted Woman Educator Dies In Virginia

By REBECCA STILES TAYLOR

HAMPTON, Va.—Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, who in 1915 led the Virginia State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs to found the Virginia Industrial School for Girls and herself served as its superintendent for 25 years, died August 27, at Dixie hospital after a long illness.

A graduate of Hampton Institute, Mrs. Barrett first attracted attention as a social service worker as the founder and head worker at the Locust Street Social Settlement in Hampton. This work brought her early recognition as a community leader and led directly to her election in 1913 to the presidency of the State Federation of Colored Women's clubs of which she was organizer.

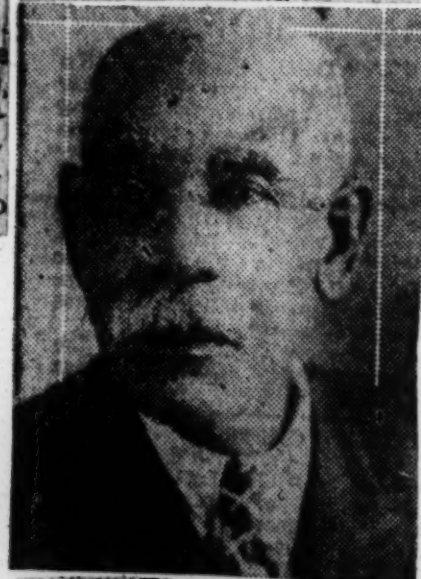
### Harris Barrett's Widow

Mrs. Barrett was the widow of Harris Barrett, another graduate of Hampton Institute, a founder and first secretary of the Peoples' Building and Loan Association of Hampton and cashier of Hampton Institute.

Mrs. Barrett served as a member of the executive boards of the Southern and Virginia commissions on interracial relations and received the NAACP's Harmon award for outstanding contributions to better race relations.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel AME church, August 30. Her pastor, the Rev. J. A. Young conducted the service. Interment was at the family plot on King st.

Pallbearers included Fred Dans, Edward Robinson, Paul Williams and Frank Wyche, all of Hampton, and Major W. R. Brown, Gideon L. Smith, Lorenzo C. White and Charles H. Williams, all of Hampton Institute.



W. H. THOROGOOD